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by the Ulster Cabinet whose views were conveyed to the Premier. The

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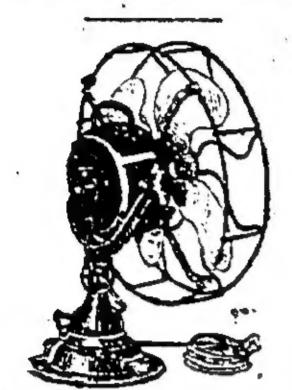
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RURAL IRELAND QUIET. It is anounced from Dublin Castle that with the exception of the recent sporadic outbreaks in the Belfast district, rural Ireland continues very

CRAIG PLEASED.

LONDON, July 18. Sir James Craig and his colleagues have returned to Belfast. James said he was well satisfied with efforts made towards peace and especially pleased by De Valera's decision to base his claims on the right of self-determination because Ulster claimed that it had already exercised that right. It now merely remained for De Valera and Britain to come to terms with regard to south Ireland, in which the people of north Ireland claimed no right to intervene. When that was accomplished northern Ire. land would cordially co-operate with southern Ireland in matters of common interest. See Sinn Fein and British military authorities in Ireland have

concluded an agreement whereby all restrictions on fairs and markets are rescinced. The Sinn-Fein government has directed all citizens to co-operate in filling trenches, removing road obstructions, and reptying ordiges." NO PARTITION. By an overwhelming majority at the recent elections the constitutional method of expressing self-determination the people of North Ireland had determined on their own parliament. Mr. De Valera had already admitted

# HOME CRICKET.

North Ireland's right to self-determination by putting up candidates for the

Northern Parliament who had advocated no partition. This was the sole

issue of the elections and was rejected by the largest majority ever secured

in a general election anywhere in the world."

AUSTRALIANS BEAT DURHAM

LONDON, July 18. At Sunderland there were 9,000 spectators. The weather was hot. The wicket was excellent. The Australians made 267 runs and Durham 121. The Australians then made 24 for nothing, winning by ten wickets. applause. Leicester won by an innings and 24 runs.

FOURTH TEST MATCH PLAYERS.

LONDON, July 18. England's side for the Fourth Test Match at Manchester will be selected from the following: Tennyson (Captain) Douglas, Fender, Marriott, Woolley, Hearne, Durston, Hallows, Strudwick, Ernest Tyldesley, Russell, Mead and Parker,

# HOME WEATHER.

DROUGHT AND GREAT HEAT.

LONDON, July 18. Another sweltering day with a rising barometer has dispelled the hopes of a break in the drought that were excited by a few local thunder showers yesterday. A new anticyclone has arrived from the south-west covering the whole of the British isles and the depression whereon hopes of rai were centred has moved towards the Arctic. The warmest weather predicted.

MODEL COLONY ON ISLAND OFF CANTON.

LONDON, July 18. The 46th annual report of the Mission to Lepers shews a considerable extension of the work during the past year. New buildings have been con structed in India, Siam, Korea, and an island for a model leper colony has been secured off the Canton province.

In the House of Commons Mr. Lloyd George, replying to Mr. Clynes, stated that a Press statement that the King had intervened to straighten the entanglement in the negotiations between the government and the United States regarding the Pacific Conference was a pure invention.

HOLLAND SURE TO BE INVITED:

LOXDON, July 19. The Telegraaf's Washington correspondent declares that it is certain Holland will be invited to attend the Pacific Conference at Washington.

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### HONGKONG GOVERNMENT.

SHANGHAI COMMENT.

COMPARISON WITH CEYLON.

Those in Shanghai who have The Irish negotiations appear to have reached a crucial stage. Mr. De vacched the struggle in Hongkong for greater unofficial representation on the Legistative Council will learn with interest that the Ceylon Legison Thursday. Sir James Craig and the Ulster Cabinet Ministers arrived at lative Council met last month under its new constitution, says the N. C. Daily News. By this departure from departure Sir James Craig had an hour's interview with the Premier. It is the old order of things the unofficial stated that Mr. Lloyd George during the week-end informed Sir James members have been given more power, and, as the Governor rightly more responsibility. Such conversation between the Premier and Mr. De Valera in the evening is for the unofficial thought to have related to the attitude of Ulster which is regarded as the Can Dever CHILL

not the case in Hongkong point against the government. And consequently they have really no responsibility, or if they have, no means of exercising it. It is difficult to conceive why, if some measure of constitutional reform is granted to Caylon, similar action may not be taken with regard to Hongkong. Certainly there is not very much real difference in status between the two and the safeguards that must of necessity be maintained, the Imperial interests, in Ceylon would be as amply adequate in the case of Hongkong. It is to be beped that those who are agitating for constitutional reform in Hongkong will continue to do so until their point is gained. There is so much to be done of a municipa nature which need in no way interfere with the wider activities of officialdom, and so many men of ripe judgment and executive ability that it is now open to question whether government by a majority of officials whose outlook is always more

# AT THE THEATRE.

circumscribed, can have anything but

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"BRAN PIE."

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On the programme "Bran Pie" i styled a "musical revue in two acts" but that is really a managerial euphemism for plain vaudeville in a theatrical setting. There is not the gleam of a theme to string the piece together and it is a tribute to the ability of the artists and those responsible for the stage management that by resourceful arrangement of quick change, spectacular scene and varied talent they were able to make the entertainment go through with such a fine effect verve and swing. It was a bright show deftly staged and from sprightly opening chorus to finale it gripped the attention of the audience and Jack Crichton and Madeleine

Rossiter, were of course the "No 1" ingredients of the "Bran Pie"; they were the bright particular stars in brilliant constellation of clever artists. A wonderfully graceful and agile dancer, Miss Rosis also an actress of considerable talent and versatility and whether executing a grotesque dance in the weirdest of costumes, singing at the piano or doing a knockabout turn dressed as a tramp with Jack Crichton she carried the audience with her. As the funny man of the show Mr. Crichton acquitted himself with distinction and was in firm favour with his audience from the beginning. Dolly Prince. Grace Barry and Dora Dolardo all made notable hits and splendid support was given by the hard working members of the chorus who whether dressed in Chinese pyjamas or in the much more abbreviated costume called for in the representation fot a rainhow furnished a pleasing background right through the piece. Mr. Eric Masters was in good vocal form and he distinguished himself particularly in "A Disorderly Dip a genuinely amosing military sketch, introducing a mellicy of contar war time ditties, in which all of the men artists helped to keep the sucience in a smoulder o aughter sight throughout...

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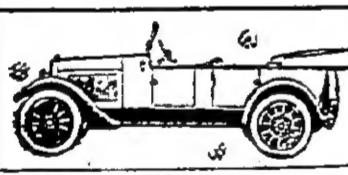
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that character. Up to a point his vision is clear. His diagnosis of the trouble is sound in substance and impressive in manner; and, indeed, the danger is too grave for any exaggeration of it to be possible. Modern implements of destruction, as perfected towards and after the conclusion of the great war are so formidable, and there is so be charged with undue sensationadequate instrument for coping with | rule presidents and kings. the danger. To expect it to keep the

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This is a fair 'summary, not peace and save the world is, he thinks, travesty, of the sermon. Anything altogether unreasonable, and may in it which seems funtastic will apeven prove a positively dangerous pear even more fantastic to those illusion. The enthusiasts who pin who refer to the original. It shows their faith to it-mainly "busy- us exactly what sort of a mind Mr. bodies," in his judgment-seem to Wells has brought to hear on his him no less frivolous than those task, and how that mind operates. triflers who allow their attention to An long as he is dealing with present be distracted from the threatened facts he is as sharp as a needle. No crisis by race-meetings, football one would guess from his handling of them that he had ever been an imaginative novelst, addicted to inventing roman es about wars of the worlds and journeys to the moon. When, however, he turns from criticism to construction, it is as if his pen had passed into the hands of another writer The realist has sucdenly become a remantic; and his treatment of history, sacred and profane, his manner of lecturing the Prince of Wales for going round the world without making epoch making speeches, and his attempts to teach statesmen their business, rather

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a World State in which France and suggest the picture of a child with a Germany and Poland and Czecho- new toy trying to invent a new game. Slovakia and the rest, instead of If one were to take the proposals having reparate armies and frontiers seriously, nothing would be easier and Custom-Bouses, would be than to riddle them with objections. organized as equal parts of a great One objection is that, whereas the whole, comparable to the United danger is immediate and imminent, States of North America. And he the remedy would take hundreds of pictures this happy and harmonious years to bring into operation. An-Wells's be reviewed as a brilliant dis- arrangement brought about "mainly other is that it posits infinitely plastic play of verbal fireworks or as a by voluntary effort," and kept human material, whereas the pracserious contribution to political in being by a new and per- tical man of affairs knows that he fected system of education, in which has to build his world, as best he can, biology will have the place which out of rigid and jagged material. biologists consider that it ought to Moreover, many of its assumptions of the peril which now seems to over- have, and modern languages, includ- are based upon a misapprehension of ing Russian and Turkish, will be the teachings of that history which is another question. The value of taught on scientific principles, and Mr. Wells is so ready to outline for us. everybody will be brought up on a If he had realized history, instead of on the symptoms of cancer, or any Bible substitute composed of an out- skimming it, he would recognize that line of history a compendium of those large political federations to which he looks for the maintenance up to a recommendation to discard of Forty-five ought to know and so of perpetual peace require, in many cases, to be cemented by blood and another; and Mr. Wells's essay on ages from the Hundred Best Books, iron, and are not, even when they arise out of a pre-existing harmony, Wells himself once produced under an infallible guarantee that the peace will continue to be kept. The American Civil War proves that. War of does the Sonderbund in Switzerland. does the quick collapse of the Balkan combination against Turkey, and the view taken at Versailles that the federation of the constituent provinces of the old Austrian Empire, contemplated at the time of ex-Kaiser Karl's peace offer, would be as hopeless an undertaking as an attempt to federate the Kilkenny cats. Moreover, the scheme even if for the sake of argu-

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kidnapped, tarred, feathered, and thrown naked out of a motor-car in the centre of the business quarter of men's club which soon became a the city. In Houston a motor-car secret association of Southern Whitesdealer was picked up in the main for self-protection against Negroesstreet by a masked gang just after the Ku Kluz Klan, was reorganised he had been released on ball on a in the beginning of this year in charge of insulting schoolguls. He Georgia, Texas, and other parts of was flogged and ordered to leave the United States, osterisibly to district. Another man facing a "protect Americanism."

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# INTIMATIONS.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF HONGKONG AND SOUTH CHINA

TISITING Masons are invited to attend the INSTALLATION of the Rt. Worshipful District Grand-Master Designate (WOR. BRO. PERCY HORSON HOLYOAK, D.D.G.M) on WEDNESDAY, 20th July, at 5.15 P.M. for 5,30 PM. precisely, at Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

TT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED, that an L. Interim Dividend of £3 per share, subject to deduction of Income Tax, has been declared for the HALF YEAR per dollar.

The dividend will be payable on and at the Offices of the Corporation, where for Warrants.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 25th July, to SATUR- of DAY, the 6th August, 1921, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered. By Order of the Court of Directors,

A. G. STEPHEN,

Chief Manager. Hongkong, July 12, 1991.

HONGKONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND of ONE A DOLLAR per Share for the six months ending 30th June, 1921, will be PAYABLE ouTUESDAY, August 9tb. on which date Dividend Warrants may be obtained on application at the Company's Office.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, August 2nd to TUESDAY. August 9th, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors. G. E. ELLAMS, Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, July 18, 1921.

THE HONGKONG SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

Fatrons. H. E. The Governor, Eir R. E. Stubbs. K.C M.G., and Lady Stubbs, President, Mr. Justice Gompertz. Hon. Treasurer, J. H. Ramsay. Hon. Secretary, B. L. Frost.

The objects of the Society are:-The education of the people by propaganda, etc., in the knowledge of the proper treatment of dumb animala.

The appointment of a paid inspector to supervise the work The possibility of taking over and running the Dogs' Home. The provision of drinking troughs

for dogs in different parts of the Colony. The labour of other charities divided among many associations but this charity stands alone—the defender

of defenceless dumb animals. Those desirous of becoming members of the Society, the annual subscription to which is \$2 for adults and 25 cents for children, and those who wish to make it possible for the above object to be carried out by making donations, will greatly oblige by forwarding same to the Hon. Treasurer, c/o The Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM.

THE PETITION

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# INTIMATIONS

HONGKONG HOTEL CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GEN-ERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at the HONG-KONG HOTEL Pedder Street, Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the TWENTY-Full dress or white mess jacket to be SEVENTH DAY OF JULY, 192 AT NOON, for the purpose of considering, and, if thought fit, approv ing the draft new Memorandum of Association of the Company which will be submitted to the Meeting. As print of such draft new Memorandum of Association and a print of the existing Memorandum of Association of the Company may be seen at the ending 30th June, 1921, at rate of 2,7 Company's Registered Office in the Hongkong Hotel, Pedder Street aforesaid, and a comparison of the after MONDAY, the 8th August, 1921, print of the existing Memorandum of Association with the print of the Shareholders are requested to apply draft new Memorandum of Association will show wherein the draft new Association Memorandum differs Association. Should the pany's Office. Meeting approve of such new Memorandum of Association with or Company will be CLOSED from TUESwithout modification, the subjoined Resolution will be proposed as an

Extraordinary Resolution, namely :-(1). That the provisions of the Company's Memorandum of Association with respect to its objects be altered so as to read as shewn in the print signed for the purpose of identification by

the Chairman of this Meeting. and also for the following further

purposes, namely:-For the purpose of considering, and, if thought fit, approving the draft new Articles of the Company which will be submitted to the Meeting. A print of such new Articles and a print of the existing Articles may be seen at the Company's Registered Office in the Hongkong Hotel, Pedder Street aforesaid. In such print the portions of the proposed new Articles which differ from the DAY, the 19th to TUESDAY, the 26th existing Articles are indicated underlining in black ink and marginal notes. Should the Meeting approve of such new Articles with or without modification, the subjoined Resolution will be proposed as an Extraordinary Resolution, namely :-

(2). That the new Articles already approved by this Meeting and for the purpose of identification subscribed by the Chairman thereof, be and the same are hereby adopted as the Articles of the Company to the exclusion of and in substitution for all the existing Articles thereof.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a SECOND EXTRA- ed with all rights and titles, and will exactly where it is going, its centre, ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING bereafter be published by them. of the Company will be held at the claims against the Hongkong Dollar Street aforesaid, on SATURDAY, will be admitted by the undersigned. the THIRTEENTH DAY OF AUGUST, 1921, AT NOON, for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings at the above mentioned Meeting and of confirming, if thought fit, as Special Resolutions, the above mentioned Resolutions (Nos. 1 and

Should the first of the above Resolutions (No. 1) be confirmed as a Special Resolution by the requisite majority, the alterations in the Company's memorandum of Association consequently involved will be submitted to the Supreme Court of Hongkong for confirmation.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the said SECOND EX-TRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING to be held as aforesaid will be continued for the purpose of considering, and, if thought fit, passing the following further Resolutions as Extraordinary Resolutions, namely :-

(3). That each of the existing 20,000 fully paid up shares of \$50 each constituting the Company's present Capital of \$1,000,000 be divided into 5 fully paid up shares of \$10 each so as to make such Capital \$1,000,000 consisting of 100,000 fully paid up shares of \$10 each. That after the division aforesaid, the Capital of the Company

be increased from \$1,000,000 consisting as aforesaid, \$2,500,000 divided into 250,000 tion of 150,000 new shares of \$10 HONGKONG HOTEL, issued at such time or times and and on such terms and conditions in every respect as the Company's Board of Directors may think fit.

(5). That it is desirable to capitalise the sum of \$1,000,000 being part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the General Beserve. and accordingly that for the purpose of effecting such capitalisation such sum of \$1,000,-000 be dist ibuted as bonus smong the shareholders of the

THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST MENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND of FOUR DOLLARS per share for the six months ending 30th June, 1921, will be payable on TUESDAY, July 28th, on which data Dividend Warrants may be obtained on application at the Company's Office.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, the 10th to TUESDAY, the 26th July, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors. L S. GREENHILL, Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, July 12, 1921.

THE HONGKONG CENTRAL ESTATE, LIMITED.

N INTERIM DIVIDEND of FOUR A DOLLARS per share for the six months anding 30th June, 1921, will be payable on TUESDAY. July 26th on which date Dividend Warrants may from the existing Memorandum be obtained on application at the Com-

> The TRANSFER BOOKS of the DAY, the 19th to TUESDAY, the 26th July, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shapes can be registered. By Order of the Board of Directors,

L. S. GREENHILL, Acting Secretary to The General Managers. Hongkong, July 12, 1931.

THE WEST POINT BUILDING CO., LTD.

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND TWELVE DOLLARS per share for the six months ending 30th June 1921, will be payable on TUESDAY July 26th, on which date Dividend Warrants may be obtained on application at the Company's Office.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from TUES-(both days inclusive) during which period so transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors. L S. GREENHILL, Acting Secretary to The Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd.

General Agents for The West Point Building Co., Ltd. Hongkong, July 12, 1921.

NOTICE.

\_\_\_\_ JOTICE IS HERKEY GIVEN that the HUNGKONG DOLLAR DIRECTORY has been acquired, as city, Siccawei Observatory will look from July 7th, 1921, by the undersign- up the records and tell the shipmaster HONGRONG HOTEL, Pedder Directory incurred prior to this date

> THE NEWSPAPER ENTERPRIST 5, Wyndham Street.

Hongkong, July 7, 1921.

Company in proportion to the shares in the Company's present Capital of \$1,000,000 held by them respectively on the date hereinafter referred to, and that a such bonus as far as possible by the distribution in manner aforesaid of 100,000 shares of \$10 among the persons who are registered as the holders of the shares constituting the Com-\$1,000,000 in respect of all profits of the Company earned since the 31st December, 1920, and such distribution to be in satisbonus.

ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING the supervisory work (Scotch of merchant. The little article appeal ready for emergencies either night or of the Company will be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL, Pedder the Kinngnan Dock and Engineering each—such new shares (subject Street, aforesaid on WEDNESDAY, Works are Chinese owned and manas hereinafter mentioned) to be the THIRTY-FIRST DAY OF AUGUST, 1921, AT NOON, for the bered, and so is this, that of all the purpose of receiving a report of the vessels built for the British Shipping proceedings at the above mentioned Ministry, those built in China were Meeting in so far as regards Resolutions Nos. 3, 4 and 5 above and of confirming, if thought fit such last mentioned Resolutions as Special

Resolutions. Dated this Fourteenth day of July,

By Order of the Board, ... J. H. TAGGART.

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PRIMIT WHO FORECASTS TYPHOONS

Father Froc, S.J., has recived the Cross of the Legion of Honour, Captain S. C. Plant died at sea on

February 23. S.S. "Mandarin" left Shangfiai for

.. Loin,-Ohn Han Tun !... " Seattle February 23. .. Fat or Lard, -- Chu Yau ... The above are three extracts from Shanghai paper just to hand and it Sheep's Head and Feet,-Young is a fair guess that few people in this country would be able to attach any importance to any one, two, or all three of the extracts. Yet each extract represents a history in Sucking Pigs, to order, -- Ohn Tusi .. 24 itself. Father Froc is the Director Such, Beef,-Shang Ngan Yan ... , 20 of the Siccawel Observatory at Shanghai, and for more than a quarter of a Vosl,-Ngan Teal Ynk... ... ... 20 century has been engaged in creating and perfecting a system of forecasting the track of typhoons. It would be impossible to estimate the number of lives and the value of property which has been saved during the past twenty odd years by the tireless energy of this member of the Society Sarbel - Ka Yuma on on of Jesus. He has organised along Breem.-Pin Ya., ... ... ... the Pacific Coast and across it a Canton Fresh Water Fish .wonderful system of reporting, by means of which the Observatory can plot the curve of any typhoon, and Outfish,-Ohor Yu ... warn vessels in the track of the ap-Codfish .- Mun Yu ... proaching storm, which way to steen Orabe,-Hal... to avoid or minimise danger. Last Cuttle Flah,-Mak Ya year he published a volume of twenty Dab,-Sha Mang Yu ... years' records of China Coast Oscs,--Wong Mel Lap ... ... typhoons. From the point of view Dog Fish, -Tit To Sha ... ... ... of science the typhoon is now, thanks Eals, Conger,-Hot Man ... ... to the work of the Jesuit fathers, a comparatively easy beast to handle Given its starting point and its velo-Frogs,-Tin Kales on you on yo Garoups,--Shak Pan... ... ... ... Godgeon,-Pak Kap Yu ... ... "

and mental devotion. Captain S. C. Plant was the greatest expert on the navigation of the Upper Yangtse. In 1900 he took the "Pioneer," later H.M.S. "Kinsha," from Ichang to Chung-King, the first steamboat, to pass through Gorges. Before going to China he had had many years' experience on the Euphrates and had become the leading authority on the navigation of that river. The Upper Yangtse was in 1900 an unconquered stream. bonus be declared accordingly. The only traffic was by barges towed And further that the Company's by columns of men-a slow and dan-Board of Directors be and they gerous operation. At Butish firm, are hereby authorised to satisfy determined to get at the ric trade of the Upper sent to Mesopotamia for Capt Plant to come out and best the each credited as fully paid up Gorges. He did it, and doing so than half the river, and to foreign trade half the empire. So unrivalled was his knowledge of the treacherous rapids that the Chinese Government \$1,000,000 on such date as the in 1913 created the post of River Company's Board of Directors Inspector of the Upper Yangtse, and shall decide—such last mentioned appointed him to it. He was coming shares to rank pari passu with home on twelve months' leave, but the shares constituting the Com- died of pneumonia the day after pany's present Capital of leaving Shanghai. His first Yangtee command, the "Pioneer," was said out of the Navy the same week. Two

Government have recognised the

value of this work by decorating

Father Froc, and he deserves it, for

the labour, though one of love, has

been one entailing enormous physical

pioneers passed together. "Mandarin," which left Shanghai on her maiden voyage, is faction of the aforementioned the largest steamer yet built in China. She is the first of four steel vessels of 14,750 tons gross each, AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO ordered from a Chinese yard by the small piece of antique jewellers, in tried them for their little ones, mothers GIVEN that a THIRD EXTRA- U. S. Shipping Board. Except for the shop window of an aged native to be without the Tablets in the house, ned. That is a point to be rememthe cheapest .- Observer.

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Feet,-Chu Keuk ... ... 1b.

. Fry,-Chu Chap ... ...

" Head,-Cha Tau ... "

.. Liver, -Cha Kon ... in Ib.

Pork Ohop, - Chu Pal Kwab ... ..

14 Leg.-Chu Pel... ... 101 10

.. Heart,-Ohn Sam ... ... mach 10

Kidneys,-Ohn Ylo ... such 10

Tan-Kenk ... set 70

Heart.-Young Sam ... each

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Turkeys, Cock,-Fo Kai Kung lb. 80 Turksys, Han,-Fo Kal Na ... . 60 Snipe, -She Trui. ... ... ... each Pheasant,-Shan Kal... ... Quall,-Om Chun ...

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Fruits. Almonds.—Hang Yan .... Apples, (California),-Kam Shan Fing 50 . 42 Bananas, (bride's), Macao,—San Henng Chin , 5 Carambo's, -Tenng To .. ...

Coccennia - Ye The ... ... such 10 Lemons, China, - Ling Mung ... lb. 8 Lemons, (America), - Sam Shan Ling Mung ... each 6 Lichees, Dried, (small stone),-

Lai Chi Kon Ib. 23 Oranges. (Canton), Sweet-Shan-sheng Tim Chang lb. Oranges, Tim Chang ... ... ... 48 Pears, (Canton), Cooking, -Sha Li .. & Peanuts,-Fa Shang ... ... ... ... 12 Persimmons, Large,—Hung Tae .. Plantain,-Tai Chiu ... ... 3 Pumelo, Siam,-Trim Lo Yau ...esch 15 Walnutz,-Hop To ... ... ib. 14 Grapes,-Po Tai Taz ... ...

Vegetables, &c. Artichokes -Ah Chi Cheuk ......... Beans, Sprout,-Ngs Tso ... lb 4 ., Long.-Tan Kok ... .. Beet Root, - Hung Taul Tau ... , 2 cash Bitter Squash,-Fu Kwa ... ... 5 Brinjals, Green, -Ching Yun Kwa , Red,-Hung Keess us at Cabtage Chinese, (common),-Kal Taol ...

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Lam Ma Tal ... . 10 Mashrooms, Fresh, -Shang Tee Ka Ib, 45 Onions, Bombay, -Young Chung Tan Ib. \$ Onlors, Green,-Shang Chung Ib. Onlone, Shanghal, -Shaung-hol ereley. - Kun Tsoi ... ... see se Potato, Sweet, -Fac Shu ... Japanese, -Yat Pun Shu Tesi Ib.

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BIETH.

LUNT.-On July 8, 1921, at Shang-Lunt, a son. ROTHSCHILD. On July 9, 1921, at

Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Rothschild (nee Bessie Rakusen) a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

DANIELS-DE JONGH -- On July 12, 1921, at Shanghai, Willem Daniels to Dorothy de Jongh.

MONGRONG, TUESDAY, JULY 19, 1991.

SHIPS ENGINEERS CLAIM

Marine Engineers' Guild are dis bonuses are undesirable anyway. tastisfied with the decision by the The engineers should insist on full American Court at Shanghai, in a pay for their work, on getting all jewellery, the wife of a man living in where the Huah Jah's engineers they earn, as wages, and take no send the charterers, the Robert Dollar man's charitable doles. The word Company, for payment of a bonus itself should be an insult to their selfmornised. We gather further that respect, whether it mean a mundabout stolen from a hawker living in New some of them consider the claim was way of bringing their own lawful Street by a cook residing at the same dismissed on technical grounds, or and proper wage up to what it should address. a legal point, and that a test case be, or a bribe to serve the interests the merits was desirable. We of some party other than their proper the sorry not to be able to agree. In paymaster. But if we are to le der opinion (based on the wording daylight into this Hwah Jah case, the promise) they never had a leg and abolish the mischievous ideas stand on from the start, and wasted our engineers at present seem tosod money on hopeless proceedings, entertain, we shall have no space a Kam U Street house when Re-We refer to the case now only in for such an argument. This bonus inder to direct their attention to the was promised with a very visible and in postession of prepared opium and advisability of studying more atten- transparent "il," as fatal as the sirely the terms of all future promises | sixpence-on-a-floating-grindstone one. which the propose to rely. When The promise said " providing we get humomist promises a child the full support and co-operation from sixpence that he finds floating all of you." Now the phrase from the river on a grindstone, he of you in that case (and this is whits on the child overlooking the not disputed) included the

paper in Shanghai that "no such character of individual British Court" there was evidently seeing a building boom. made in prejudice, and in ignorance of its boomerang nature. For if the British Court have in the past considered claims on all fours with this, and have decided them otherwise, then the incompetence of the British Court is ridiculously implied accountant, a We gather that many members of We would like to point out that disappeared with the money.

hoping that the Court will ignore the wording of the promise as we did." In fature, where engineers propose to do extra work for a bonus, they should insist upon a separate promise to their own department, contingent upon the performance of their own duties, and not dependent upon factors so obviously outside their control. Assume that a newspaper proprietor were to write to his editor that, providing he got full support and co-operation from all the staff. there would be a bonus. Would the editor, recognising his powerlessness over the printing stail, attach any afternoon, importance to such an offer? Would the reporters, who may be said to doubt it, but in any case we cannot imagine any reporters attempting to sue on such a promise, unless prepared to show that editor and printer's devil and all satisfied the terms of the promise. It is particularly idiotic that the journal in which we noticed these comments should have the war phrase, "scrap of paper." as a headline. The Germans made a promise, and, figuratively tore it up. The charterers in this case made a promise, and they took their promise to Court (when forced to do so by the Engineers) and said in effect : "Here it is, and we abide by it." The engineers (or some of their mistaken friends) say in effect : "Yes. We do not dispute that. But we didn't read the promise before -we never thought of it-but we add that the Court which does read it and does not disregard it, is not a fair Court." The China Mail's record on such labour issues as have been dealt with by it is open and wellknown. So in this case we need fear no misunderstanding when we say that it serves the engineers quite right, for being such impractical children, and we say that no compet ent and impartial Court could have decided otherwise, without indeed tearing up that "scrap of paper on which the engineers relied. HOUSE SHORTAGE. So that's that. The Tenant's Pro-

tection Bill is now an Ordinance, and the game of squeeze that has been so merrily played here, is restricted. We have learned, too, during the argufacts in support of its prejudices desires. The Governor hit it neatly in one phrase, when he described certain local arguments as based on the model of " If my aunt had been a mantshe would have been my uncle." One set of prophets worns us that the inevitable result of such legislation must be the aggravation of the house shortage. Restriction of profits is to promise. Engineers should not be discourage building-if their aunts children : should not act like children. should happen to be men. We con-It is deplorable that the idea should fidently expect the appearance of hai, to Mr. and Mrs. Carroll be promulgated, as it has been, that counter prophecies, that this very the U.S. Court for China gave pre- popular bill will encourage building, ference to the American defendants for the reason that contractors and as against the British plaintiffs "on architects and brickmakers and builda technical and legal clause," which ing-material merchants, recognising phrase, ambiguous in any case, here that the em of unlimited squeeze conveys a distinctly false impression, is over, and that only a fair return and was intended to. It is not our on house property is allowed, will business particularly to defend encourage building by lowering their foreign courts against charges of demands. That will be jolly. If the unfairness; but it is most certainly Government will also do its share, by our job to protest against fellow selling suburban sites more expedit-Britishers bringing unfair charges, lously, and onless niggling conditions The statement made by a British and allow greater latitude as to the record (it is said) can be found in the to be put up, we shall not be long in

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Entrusted with \$222 by the foki promptly

Taking with her clothing and Third Street has absconded.

Over \$50 in silver money was

open the safe at a Chinese seamen's secution. Evidence was given that that Chinese should be able to write club in First Street from which \$560 recused participated with five others their language.

venue Inspector Watt surprised them | thirteen pawn-tickets, one of which partment solely by the work of 78

mentory nature of the terms of the officers as well as the engineers. are to somoleless excumstances.

# SPECIAL CABLE.

SHOOTING OUTRAGE.

NEW WORLD CASE. [China Mail SPECIAL.]

SHANCHAL, July 19. Court. Eight prisoners are involved. to higher rates of salary. An addition-There is an array of legal talent en- al sum of \$20,000 was voted for of considerable interest. The Italian assessor and Chinese magistrate have the matter in hand. Ball of 3,000 taels was granted and the case adjourned until Wednesday.

### LOCAL AND GENERAL

A large quantity of household furniture will be put up for auction by Messrs. Lammert Bros. to-morrow

The Sergeants of the 2 Wiltshire represent the engineers, do so? We Regt. will hold the usual whist drive School. She was an admirable on Friday next commencing at \$30 teacher and a very great loss to p.m. sharp. Adults only.

> property of the Sub-Manager of a tenced at the Magistracy yesterday been remedied to some extent by to three months' hard labour.

Laurence Governor of the Straits Settlements. and Lady Guillemard are visiting teachers become after a

local fire brigade, Mr. A. Lane, the station officer, who received his training in the City of London Brigade. sailed to-day by the Blue Funnel steamer "Mentor" for Home on retirement.

A lot of Crown land in Shamsuipo, having an area of 3,828 square feet, was sold for a term o! 75 years at the offices of the Public Works Department yesterday afternoon. The property, which realised \$3,850 (\$979 above the upset price), was purchased by Mr. Ip Sui-sang.

A sensational outburst of grief was shown by a woman in the Shanghai Mixed Court when a man was sentenced to a term of imprisonment for having abducted her. She begged to be taken to prison with him, and was finally forcibly removed from the Court, and sent to the Door of Hope,

failure of Mr. H. A. Keily was received The Kowloon School on the other with deep regret by his many old hand began at the end of the year to friends in Shanghal. Mr. Keily came grow exceedingly, and beyond its out to Shanghai about 20 years ago to | seating accommodation. start the British-American Tobacco ments for and against, the capacity for good about ten years ago to take charge of the Company's factory in Liverpool, of which he was chief at the time of his death. Deep sympathy will be felt for Mrs. Kelly and her

> The following par from the Straits Echo is reproduced to make Hongkong tenants' mouths water Our old and trusty friend, the law of supply and demand, is starting in to take a hand in the solution of this vexed problem. Owing to the general depression, there is no longer so keen a demand for house accommodation here in Penang, with the inevitable result that landlords are becoming somewhat less extortionate in their demands and are beginning is demonstrable by the fact that all to abate somewhat of their pretensions. We heard this morning of one landlord who has actually reduced the rents for one block of dwelling houses by twenty per

An innocent-looking safe being lowered into an hotel boat from one of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co,'s river steamers a few days ago, aroused the suspicions of a river policeman (Government) St. Joseph's (Grant) and a customs searcher. demanded the key, after unwrapping the gunny bags in which the safe was packed, and the owner assisted them. in opening it and proving that it contained nothing but air. The air however, told its own story to the delicate scent of the searchers, so the safe and its owner were taken to the River Police Hulk. A false back and sides to the safe disclosed nearly ahundred catties of opium, worth about The City magistrate re-\$12,000. warded the inventor with a year in the City prison and a fine of \$300,

in the robbery. He was arrested several days later on the information of complainant, who had known him for some time. On him were found Education was known to the Derelated to a new pair of trousers, Missionary grant schools, With a which was identified by one of the few exceptions it was almost valuethe proceedings were taken out reported in 1902:first a Zmonths old boy in Gutzleff and the male complainant had been and Thousand Character and certain Another reason is that though our

## HONGKONG SCHOOLS.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR 1920.

In the report of the Director of Education for the year 1920 just published the Hon. Mr. E. Irving says.

After deducting the school fees received, the total nett expenditure on The New World shooting outrage education was \$444,150.05 (\$524,302) to Russia. case was again before the Mixed in 1919). The increase is mainly due gaged. The case promises to be one Capitation Grants owing to more schools being included in the Grant Scheme. And during the year the Grants to English schools, which had not been revised since the war, were

increased, absorbing \$21,036 addition-\$23,500 above the Estimates 1919 was voted for and spent upon vernacular education. School and Technical Institute fees amounting to \$103,032 were collected (£103,505 in 1919). addition \$4,781 fees were remitted to free scholars (\$4,185 in 1919.)

I much regret to report the death on 3rd December of Mrs. Fletcher. acting Head Mistress of the Peak the Department and her pupils. The estimated British staff was 24 For stealing a raincoat, the men and 26 women. At the close of the year it was 5 men and 16 Japanese Bank, a snatcher was sen- women short. This shortage has the employment of temporary women teachers, of whom several Guillemard, have fairly good qualifications. Others have none at all: such Java for a few weeks. They will months of some value, but they stay at the Hotel Ngamplang, Garoet, need much supervision, and they cannot take big classes unaided After thirteen years with the The shortage was increased by the necessity of coming to the assistance of the University.

Table V gives the number of pupils receiving an English Education as nearly 10,000 or more than 3 times what it was 20 years ago. The desire for a knowledge of English is by no means adequately shewn in this Table, as the English Schools are full and turning away candidates for admission. The increase in vernacular education in the year under review is striking, but is partially explained by the fact that more schools in the New Territories have come under the hands of the Department. The combined average attendance at the 3 British schools, 163, was the same as in 1919. There was a falling off in attend ance at the Peak School, for reasons probably connected with the very in maintaining the staff.

great difficulty which was experienced Victoria School also shewed a falling off, partly the cause and partly the consequence of a decision to News of the death from heart confine it to girls and small boys.

> and the uncontrolled schools in the New Territories shows an increase of 2,921 over 1919, the increase in pupils in English schools being 647 and in the vernacular schools, 2,274.

EDUCATION IN ENGLISH.

The writer has now completed his 20th year in the Department and a very brief comparison of the 'general development in that period may perhans be allowed. Twenty years ago, our effort in English education was largely meaningless, because the teaching of spoken English almost entirely neglected. standard reached by a few pupils, as shewn by the Oxford Local results was, if at all, little below what it is now. But the general improvement pupils in the two Senior classes all schools are now compelled to take the University Marriculation (or Senior) and Junior Examinations. Considering this, the percentage passes is fairly high and compares favourably with that of the selected candidates from outside schools. Also it varies little from year to When a camparison is made between roch schools as Queen's College and St. Stephen's (Uncontrolled) little difference can be detected. syllabuses adopted have again and again been amended in detail by various strong committees. As whole I am satisfied that there is no room for any startling change method or curriculum. It is a well-known fact that the

cancidates who mainculate from the Straits have a higher knowledge of English as a whole than the averag of Hongkong pupils; the reason fairness to local schools should known also. Here by common consent Chinese boys are expected Before the Puisne Judge, Mr. study Chinese and this involves J. R. Wood, yesterday, Lau Hing was three years preliminary study in indicted for taking part in an armed Vernacular School, and about eight robbery at No. 32. Shekshin village, periods weekly for the eight years of Hurghem, at midnight on June 22, their school career. In the Straits on A duplicate key was used to Mr. A Dyer Ball conducted the pro- the contrary it is not held essenti-

VERNACULAR EDUCATION...

Twenty years ago Vernacular

that is to say, unable to read. hazarded the opinion that it belonged it...

But this is not all: the children from whom alone such knowledge Standards (Fourth or above)."

and above. In 1920 the proportion ly improved. The medical inspection was 45 or almost double, and that of eyesight in Queen's College, with a much higher standard set. the following paragraphs.

siderable competition for seats.

favoured-vary from \$3 to \$5 for method in force is that the pupils' are all managed by missionary or Government doctor-in the case of 26 Mission Schools as compared with All suspect cases are sent with a mostly for girls.

of the Grant Code.

was, first started in the New Ter- Class to Class or School to School. ritories, and lately adopted in Hongkong. It consists in giving quarterly a lump sum of \$5 to \$20 to schools which appear to the Director of Education upon the Svice of the inspectors to be deserving. In 1920 \$20,000 was thus absorbed by schools in the Colony, including \$10,000 given to the Confucian Society, and \$7,200 by schools in the New Territories. The Inspectors in forming their opinion are guided by the absolute value of the schools judged from a technical stand-point; by their size; by their financial position; and by their usefulness. The number of pupils at schools in | bare-foot school in a poor district to one corresponding to a privat preparatory school at home.

The subsidy can be withdrawn without notice, wherein lies a distinction between the grant and subsidy systems. Another is that the subsidized schools get a lump sum roughly proportioned to their and not a grant calculated on the exact number of pupils. As the maximum subsidy is \$20 a month it is not present possible to apply this system to big schools; but this is a remedi

able weakness. It is obvious that the system re quires inspectors and sub-inspectors of considerable qualifications and experience. At present the Department is very well served in these respects. the Straits. Inspections.—In theory the Correspondents of Grant Schools and the Managers of Subsidized Schools control the teaching and general conduct | ed early in the year " for the purpose of their schools. In practice this is of assisting the Director of Education only rarely the case. The teachers in matters pertaining to the developlook more and more to the In- ment and improvement of Education Under the Grant Code, new teach- Education is Ex-Officio Chairman and the Department, and it follows and Senior Inspector of Vernacuthat the inspections which take place lar Schools are Ex Officio Members. at firegular intervals throughout the In addition, the Board is composyear do not merely result in reports ed of 9 Members nominated by the on existing conditions, but are occa- Government. The full Board met sions for advice and instruction. In thrice in the course of the year, Subfact the duties of the Inspectors are Committees were formed which really those of peripatetic Normal visited the principal schools, and their Masters. Under these conditions the advice has been of the greatest use to standard of efficiency in the Vernacu- the Department. lar Schools has risen very rapidly in the past few years, and is now about as high as can be expected of the general level of capacity displayed by the teaching staff. That is unfortunately a low one on the whole. And the best hope of a rapid improvement lies in teaching the teachers. this end, Evening Classes have for many years been established explained below. But it is much expect of a teacher to attend such Ciasses at a distance from his home at the conclusion of a day's work. Many teachers besides are of an age and mental habit which render them irre ponsive to new ideas.. For this among other reasons, the training of the next generation of teachers is the

TRAINING OF TRACHERS. Similar difficulty in obtaining Staff complainants. Prisoner alleged that less. The Committee on Education prevails all over the world; and that is one reason why normal training have been found in the streets, the against hint out of spire, because he Beginning with the Trimetrical is so very important in Hongkopg. Street, the second a one-month old at leggerheads. Without retiring, other Classics, which are learned by achool buildings are now full, which deck a 3-year old girl at Smithfield. There somer gully. Sentence of fine years' to read and then to write the characteristic is sure to be taken sooper least a doctor's bil. For sale by mile tisercus imprisonment was passed. Lers, Subsequently they learn their or later, when the demands on the Chemists and Storekespers.

most pecessary step precedent to any

meanings, first as isolated characters Staff will be greater than eyec. A. and afterwards in their context, third reason is that the growing cost Unfortunately they nearly all leave of British trained teachers calls for school before getting as far as this, the dilution of their services by a

locally trained product. "Geography is taught (very badly This need has been recognised in the Fourth Standard, where many for many years, and a number of of the Scholars were at the last efforts—some very unambitions in examination ignorant that Hongkong appearance but considerable in the was a British Colony: a number aggregate—have been made to meet

MEDICAL INSPECTION OF SCHOOLS.

The principal Grant Schools are was expected are a very small periodically inspected. The British minority, as the following figures Schools are inspected by Government show. Out of 795 boys who obtained doctors. The reports shew that the passes in the last examination, only general health is good. The con-54 or 7 per cent were in the higher dition of the children's teeth during recent years appears as a result of As late as 1914 only 24 per cent, these inspections and the consequent of the pupils were in Standards III information to parents to have great-Belilios Public School and the District The present position is outlined in Schools has at last been put on a satisfactory basis. The system is as Urban District.—There are 13,719 follows:—An entrance fee equalling children on the books of the Verna. one month's school fee is now charged cular Day Schools of the Colony and to new pupils, which is credited 405 more in the Night Schools. The to a fund, against which the fee for average attendance at the day schools Medical Inspection by Dr. Harston is 88 per cent. of the total enrolment. -at first \$7 but now \$10-and This is a high figure all things con- the cost of spectacles (\$7) is sidered, and shews that there is con- charged. In return, every pupil is entitled to free examination and The Government does not operate spectacles if peeded, As this any purely Vernacular Schools, but privilege is extended to all soupils assists them in four ways: -(1) by whereas only new pupils pay fees, it Grants; (2) by Subsidies; (3) by In- was anticipated that for the first year spections; (4) by operating Normal or two the fund would shew a deficit, Schools for teachers as 'described but owing to the percentage of defective eyesight being less than that Grants.—These except for a very anticipated, there was a credit few schools which are specially balance at the end of the year. The each unit of average attendance eyesight, (and incidentally teeth and The schools in receipt of these Grants general health) is examined by a (latterly) non-Christian charitable the Belilios Public School Dr. Alice bodies. In the first category there are Hickling, M.B.E. kindly officiated." 78, twenty years ago. They are now form to Dr. Harston. If spectacles are not required, the form This falling off in numbers is ex- is returned to the Headmaster for plained by the superior attractions of the information of the inspecting the subsidy system; also, it may be Doctor on his next visit. Otherwise presumed, by the competition of the the pupil is passed with his prescrip-Confucian and Tung Wa Grant tion and form to the optician, who Schools which with few exceptions sends the form to this office with his give a free education. All the Grant bill, and it then goes to the Head Schools are bound by the conditions Master to note. Under this system a record will easily be kept of each Subsidies.—The system of subsidies pupil's eyesight as he passes from

THE UNIVERSITY. My time was mainly occupied during two thouths in the spring with the University Commission, of which I was a member. In the autumn term Mr. Forster, a master in the Department, was seconded to the University as Professor of Education. While in the existing shortage of Staff he could ill bespared, the necessity of filling the . appointment was considered paramount in the interests of our. schools and students in training. no less than those of the University. At the end of the year Mr. Factory at Pootung, and left the East the Colony excluding the Police School might receive a subsidy in preference School, was appointed Master of Method at the University, in addition to his own duties. Here again it is very advantageous to the Department that the teaching of Government students should be conducted on the lines which they will be expected to follow, when they take up their work as teachers

in the Department. The great increase in the passes for the Junior this year should produce a corresponding increase in the Matriculation successes next year. The larger, number of successes for the external Schools shews that the Hongkong standard of education is an increasing influence in the schools of China and

BOARD OF EDUCATION. A Board of Education was establishguidance, in the Colony."- The Director of have to be approved by the Inspector of English Schools

> EXCLUDED SCHOOLS. The Police School, formerly staffed by masters from the Education Department, has been replaced by a Police Training School, which is entirely under the control of the Police and staffed by them. -

St. Paul's College was placed upon? the Grant List as from July 1, 1919. Of the non-Government schools which at the coming in force of the Education Ordinance were excluded from its, oper ction there, now remain two only: St. Stephen's Colleges for Boys and Girls. They had an average attendance of 139 and 85 respectively (132 and 60 in 1919).

further great advance in education as DON'T NEGLECT YOUR FAMILY.

TATHEN you fail to provide your VV family with a bottle of hamberlain's Colic and Diarrhos Remedy at this season of the year, you are neglecting them, as towel complaint is cure to girl in Hollywood Road, and the third the jury manimously declared pri by heart, the scholars are raught first limits the Staff required, a big for control and perhaps are a life, or at

### COMPANY MEETING.

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THE STEAM LAUNDRY CO., LTD

The 19th ordinary general meeting of shareholders of the Steam Laundry Co., Ltd., was held at the office of Sir C. P. Chater, C.M.G., at noon to-day. Mr. E. G. Chapman presided and there were also present Sir C. P. Theatre
Chater, and Mr. W. S. Brown, Directors, Mr. C. B. Brown, Secretary, and Messrs. C. Montague Ede, N. V. A. Croucher, and L. S. Green, shareholders.

The Secretary having read the Chairman said :-

Gentlemen,-The Report and Accounts together with Auditor's Report having been in your hands for some days, I will with your permission take them as read.

Your Directors are pleased to be able to place before you the excellent figures shown; the profit on Working Account is the best we have had since the Company started 19 years . ago, being \$32,014.50 against \$23,120.16 last year. Our earnings were greater, and as overhead expenses remain fairly steady irrespective of the amount of turnover it follows that our profit is larger; shipping was good and we the European revenue officers' were working at full capacity the quarters at the Harbour Office, before you.

Your directors recommend that the balance at credit of profit and loss as follows :-

Write off Buildings..... 3,500.00 Carry forward ...... 7,653.71

The writing off is the same as last year but the carry forward is larger, the reason for it is that your directors are aware of some large contingent expenses which must be

met during the next few months. Our boilers are inefficient, they are too small and the pressure is too low; conducted the defence, we have in contemplation the purchase of 2 suitable boilers which we can acquire at a low price.

We have applied to the Government for a piece of land adjacent to that on which we house part of our staff and if we secure it at the auction we intend to put up additional quarters. We also propose to rearrange our washers and hydros with

a view to economy of working. With regard to our assets you will notice that during the year we have expended \$4,698.63 upon a motor junk which is proving satisfactory for harbour work. We have also purchased 100 shares in the Hongkong city from the continental mainland and Kowloon Wharf and Godown of Alameda County, is to be crossed.

Company. A fortnight ago your Directors were approached by the Hongkong Hotel Company with a scheme for the absorption of this Company by the Hotel Company. We carefully considered the matter and are convinced that the terms offered are to the to the benefit of our shareholders. The difference between the present value of our assets and the book value of the metropolitan area. was taken into account and the basis of the scheme is that in exchange for who live across the bay cross on the 21 Laundry shares you will be offered ferries and generally, on Sundays I share in the Hotel Company. The Hotel Company as you are aware is splitting up the nominal value of its shares and the I Hotel share referred

later at which the necessary Special | a suspension bridge to the end of one Resolutions will be placed before you, long ferry pier already built. Another and if you pass them a liquidator will scheme is to cross the bay with a be appointed and the Company put bridge over the shallow waters leadinto voluntary liquidation.

I now beg to propose the adoption of the Report and Accounts as presented; after they have been seconded I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions that Francisco financier, has declared that shareholders may desure to ask.

Montague Ede seconded the motion difficulty. which was carried unanimously.

Mr. Greenhill proposed that Sir Paul Chater be re-elected a director. Mr. Croucher seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Croucher proposed, and Mr. Greenhill seconded, that Mr. H. Percy. Smith, F.C.A., be re-elected auditor at a remuneration of \$300.

The motion was carried\_ Enimous v. The Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and said lite value. It has been used for forty that dividend warrants were now years and is just what its mame implies. ready and might be had on application For sale by all Chemists and Storeto the Secretary.

## MISCHA ELMAN.

NO CONCERT WEDNESDAY,

No cable having been received from Mr. Mischa Elman regarding his return visit to Hongkong, the management of been compelled to cancel the arrangements for the concert to have been given there on Wednesday. No de | send you to the Po Leung Kok. finite information has been received notice convening the meeting, the but it is still hoped that Mr. Elman will yet be heard in Kowloon.

# CONSTABLE CHARGED

INDIAN'S ALLEGED THEFT.

Before Magistrate Lindsell this morning an Indian constable was charged with larceny, the offence alleged to have been committed about 3 a.m. yesterday morning when he is stated to have entered

greater part of the year. Our thanks | Revenue Officer Brown deposed that are due to the Manager, Mr. Gee and having come off duty at 3 a.m., and the staff for the excellent results unable to get home to Kowloon be lay down on a desk in the room where European officers put whatever they account, \$27,653.71 be apportioned seize. About half an hour later he port, brief and unromantic, would awakened to find a Chinese revenue To pay a dividend of 12% \$12,000.00 officer holding the defendant who Report very doubtful." Write off Machinery.... 4,500.00 was in uniform. The door was ajar. A pocket book taken from complainant's tunic was found on the defend-

ant's person minus its contents. After the Chinese revenue officer had given evidence that he saw defendant enter the office and caught him standing over the tunic, further hearing of the case was adjourned until Thursday. Mr. Leo Longinotto

## FRANCISCO'S 'CHIN-ESE WALL"

AN ENTERPRISING PLAN.

CAN THE BAY BE BRIDGED?

San Francisco, June 18.—San Francisco cisco's "Chinese Wa'l," as some have called the waters of San Francisco Bay which separates this peninsula according to plans announced here recently. All the plans call for a bridge across the bay, with one scheme proposing a tube to Yerba

Buenz Island, half way across, and bridge the rest of the distance. Bridging the bay would, it claimed, bring closer together the city of San Francisco with the cities \$20. of Oakland, Berkeley, Alameda and other points on the continental sides hundreds of thousands of people, DUTCH BANK DIVIDEND, and holidays, the ferry systems connot keep up with the crush of au-

tomobiles seeking passage across. Engineers are discussing the type of bridge to be built. The proposal to will be of the new nominal value of to utilize Yerba Buena island calls for a tube from the San Francisco A special meeting will be called side, a railroad around the island and ing to the lower sections of the

Gustav Lindenthal, widely known eastern engineer, has drawn a set of plans for a proposed bridge, it was announced here, and A. J. Rich, San the money for the bridge proposed There being no questions, Mr. C. by Lindenthal can be raised without

> Chambers of Commerce on both sides of the bay, together with the San Prancisco Motor Car Desiers' Association are supporting the proposale.

BLAZON TYPE NOT NECESSARY MHAMBERLAIN'S Colic and Diarrh. ine to attract the public eye. The it is sufficient, as every family knows

# BANQUE INDUSTRIBLLE.

YOUNG WOMAN'S FRAUD.

COAT FOR A COAT.

Arrested while boarding a Canton steamer wearing a cost obtained by fraud, a well-dressed Chinese girl explained to Magistrate Lindsell this morning that she needed the clothing as she had been robbed of her effects in her home village.

Sub-Inspector Field sad that thedefendant entered a Des Voeux Road return at 3 p.m. if it was not Colony. suitable. Later becoming suspicious, Appearing on behalf of the peti- Young Shing Insurance and Invest-the shopkeeper called at the house of tioner Mr. F. C. Jenkin asked that the ment Company, Ltd. the respondents.

longer in the household. The Magistrate (to Sub-Inspector Field): Send Secretary no money.

refunctantly nothing against the girl The Magistrate (to the defendant) Chinese Affairs who will probably and lead a better life in future.

# GOLD FOR BIRDS.

CHINESE GIRL'S UNUSUAL STORY.

To entice the birds to come out of their holes, was the inducement a 11- Bank in Hongkong. From the teleyear old girl said had led her to give a pair of gold mounted rattan bangles and a pair of gold earrings to a Chinese boy fiftren years of age who invited her to come up the hillside with him behind the Temple in Hok Un village She had been on her way financial cricles in France in order to her grandmother's house in the to retrieve the position of my said same street when she met the boy. Bank and to make some arrangement On the hillside they were joined by whereby depositors and creditors if another, boy, and after she handed not paid up in full will at least receive over the jewellery, the two lads departed telling her to wait there until they returned. The most surprising feature of this extraordinary story is the disbelief of the police whose reappear to make the young lady an artiste in fiction. "Inquiries made."

## THE KWANGS WAB,

KWEILIN AND SHUMCHOW CAPTURED.

bulletin has been issued by military headquarters at Canton announcing that Kwellin was captured by the troops under Gen, of the Kwangtung troops by Gov. Chen Chiung ming to attack Warlord Lu Yong-ting. The fall of Kweilin happened on the same day that Shumchow was captured by the troops of Gen. Ngai Bong-ping.

# SEVEN ROBBERS.

GARDENER'S HOUSE ENTERED.

Seven men, one armed with a revolver and another with a dagger, broke into a house in Chon Lung village, Kowloon Tsai Valley on Sunday night. After terrorising the occupants, tying up the proprietor, a gardener and several of his fokis, they looted the place at their leisure, departing after an hour's stay with \$12 in cash and clothing valued at

Advices have been received by the Hongkong branch of the Nederlandsch Indische Handelsbank to the effect that at the meeting of shareholders held in Amsterdam it was decided to declare a dividend of 15 per cent for the book year 1920,

# TYPHOON WARNING.

tory at 11.00 a.m. July 19, 1921. Typhoon in about 125 deg. Long. 2. 20 deg. Lat. N. moving NNW:

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THE WINDING-UP PETITION.

POLICY OF "WAIT AND SEE." ADFOCATED BY MANAGER.

Mention was made in the Supreme (Mr. H. H. J. Gomperts) in July of Court this morning before the acting Chief Justice (Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz) the petition of the Hongkong shop yesterday and told the shop Manager M. Montargis, for the windkeeper that she had been sent by her ing-up of the Banque Industrielle mistress to purchase some clothing. de China on the ground of its in-Wood).

Taking a jacket she promised to ability to pay its debts due in the Yeun

the girl's supposed mistress and was petition should the adjourned for 28 Mr. C. G. Alabaster (instructed by days. In support of his application Mr. F. X. D'Almada) appeared to Counsel read an affidavit by Montargis to the effect that from a perusal of a telegram handed to him want by the French Consul General and of a to send her to prison. To fine her translation of the French Bill for the claimed from the Company a sum would be the same thing as she has "institution of transactional settlement between traders and their insurance, in respect of the loss at Sub-Inspector Field: We know creditors" M. Montargis "was of the sea from an unknown cause of the a.s. You will be sent to the Secretary for of July for the purpose of passing a the defendants' counsel submitted resolution sanctioning an application that there was no case to answer to the Court for a transactional settle- since it had not been proved that the

> "In my opinion" the affidavit of M. Montargis proceeded "it would depositors of my said Bank in Hongkong to await the decision of the finally deciding to wind up my said grams I have read in the papers Hongkong during the past ten days and from my knowledge of the political situation in France I am of the opinion that the French Government will bring moral pressure to bear in more than my said Bank in Hongkong would be able to pay if it was wound up forthwith."

'I therefore humbly ask the Court ! concluded the affidavit "that the to reap the benefit (if any) of any which may be arrived at in Paris and which may benefit the depositors and creditors in Hongrong,"

Mr. Jenkin said that there were ing so fast. ample grounds for the adjournment. The policy of the Courts when a loreign company went into liquida-Liu Chin-wan, the Kwangsi gen. tion had been to wait and see what eral who surrendered the city of went on in the country of domicile and Wuchow to the Cantonese and sub- any action taken in Hongkong was sequently was appointed commander | merely to protect the creditors here.

His Lordship: There is no opposition? Nobody else is appearing? Mr. Jenkin said that Miss Mary Storman, of the Peak Hotel, Hong-£189.15.3 had intimated her intention of appearing but she was not represented by counsel and he could not see her in Court.

His Lordship: Has the provisional liquidator anything to say on this application ?

The Registrar: No, my Lord. His Lordship: Then the petition will be adjourned for 28 days. The provisional liquidator (the Registrar) and special manager (Mr. E. A Williams) are continued in their

### FATAL RAILWAY ACCIDE YT.

A man was run over by the third soldiers to contract debts, they will do express train of the Canton Samshui so at their own risk. Reilway near the Shao Ben Bridge last Sunday. The train was bound for Samshul and when it was near the Shao Ben Station, a man was seen standing in the middle of the tracks. Although the whistle blew several times, the man did not move an inch as if he was stupified. It was not until the train was about to run over him that he tried to dodge to one side and lie by the side of the track. But it was too late and he The Telegram quoted below was was run over. The identity of the received from the Manile Observa- unfortunate man is still unknown, says the Canton Times.

# SALT SMUGGLEBS CAUGHT.

About 2,000 sacks of smuggled (Chinese) were reported and there salt weighing 50 cattles each were landed at the Tien Chi Wharf Canton There were five cases (three imported) yesterday afternoon says to day's of enteric fever, three of them being Canton Times. The salt was seized at Kow Kong and about 10 smugglers were also captured and to military headquaters. Reports of wholesale smuggling of without a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic strict watch of any analyticous boats are charged for at the rate of \$1 each, and Diarrhose Beenedy in the house! in the interior. The sait landed (as amounced in May and June of yesterday was the grise of a search last year) providing that they do not conducted by the tmone at Kow occupy more than four lines. In in this illicit trade.

# LOSS OF "LUEN ON."

FULL COURT APPRAL.

INSURANCE POLICY DISPUTE

An appeal from a judgment delivered by the acting Chief Justice last year was under consideration this morning by the Full Court consisting of Mr. Justice Skinner Turner Undge of H. M. Supreme Court at Shanghai, the acting Chief Justice and the Puisne Judge (Mr. J. R.

Young Kwong-yung, trading as Mat Taxe, was the appellant and the support the appeal and Mr. P. Jenkin (instructed by Mr. G. C. Haywood) to oppose it.

In the original action the appellant of \$20,000, under a marine policy of opinion that a meeting of the share- "Luen On." At the hearing after holders was being held on the 25th the plaintiff's case had closed ship was lost through one of the perils specified in the policy, namely rocks, waves, typhoons or wind." The acting Chief Justice upheld the be to the benefit of the creditors and point and gave, a verdict for the defendant

Argument by counsel occupied the French Court as to the granting of such | whole of the morning and ranged transactional settlement before around the construction of the insurance policy, Mr. Alabaster claiming that the Judge's view that it was a special insurance against special definite dangers was an unreasonable one. The Court decided to arrive at a decision upon the point raised before proceeding further with the appeal and the hearing was therefore adjourned to a later stage.

## MOTOR SPEEDING.

DRIVER FINED FOR SERIOUS OFFENCE.

Remarking that the case was a serious one, Magistrate Lindsell this hearing for the winding up order be morning imposed a fine of \$25 on a adjourned for one monthand that the Chinese driver employed by the Eagle said Bank be carried on by the pro- Garage convicted of having driven visional liquidator and the special car No. 95 in a controlled area at the manager already appointed in order end of Nathan Road, Kowloon. The speed limit was 10 miles and evidence moratorium or scheme of arrangement was given that defendant drove the car at between 25 and 30 miles an hour. The defendant could only offer the feeble excuse that he did not think at the time that he was travell-

## TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS:

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ATOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Committee have arranged for kong, a creditor to the extent of a Club Room for the use of Members. The room is situated in the Hongkong Club Annex Buildings, on the Ground Floor, next to the Jockey Club Offices. It will be available from let August. Suitable Papers and Magazines are being ordered from home and the Secretary will be glad o hear from any Members who would like to make gifts.

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# NOTICE.

HE GENERAL OFFICER COM-MANDING, China Command, brings to the notice of all concerned that no soldier can be placed under stoppages of pay for a private debt. therefore, inhabitents

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In the House of Commons, Mr. Bottomley and Sir J. D. Rees urged that a surprise, but as a tardy fulfilment representations be made to the League of Nations to suspend its activities of long-standing prophecies, says the as regards disarmament in view of the pending Washington conference. Peking and Tientsin Times. The But the lad that pu'd you flower i' the Mr. Balfour did not think such representations necessary. He said the Banque Industrille de Chine was League would doubtless consider the importance of the forthcoming discus' founded in 1913, its Statutes being

The disarmament committee of the League of Nations (Reuter's Paris on January 11 of that year. In 1914 sions at Washington. correspondent reports) has begun its sittings. It consists of twenty members who were chosen as individuals and not as representatives of their respective governments. It includes three British. It has appointed three sub-committees to enquire into the private manufacture of war-material, the traffic in arms, and the present and pre-war military strength of various countries. The result of these investigations will be submitted to the the effect that the authorized Capital assembly of the League on Sept. 5. It is hoped it will be helpful to the was Fox. 250,000,000 . of Washington conference.

## HOLLANDER POLITICS.

PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTITUTION.

THE HAGUE, July 18.

A report was presented to the government with regard to the preliminary discussions of committees of the second chamber concerning revision of the constitution. As regard the succession to the throne the majority of members expressed satisfaction that such revision would end the activities April 7 of that year. The purpose of many members of foreign dynasties, one of whom might eventually be of this loan was stated to be the called to the throne, while on the other hand many regretted that the promotion of certain public works, revision did not go far enough. It provided no opportunity for deciding that the present monarchical regime might be replaced by another whenever Wilhelmina's line failed. Many energetically opposed this suggestion, and warmly approved the present form of monarchy for Holland.

### CHEAPER MOTOR SPIRIT WANTED.

WILL TARIFF PERFERENCE DO IT?

LONDON, July 18. Commons adopted a new clause in the finance bill moved by Sir upting from duty imported spirits produced within the empire wking power or industrial methylated spirits. Sir R., sion from duty of all means whereby transport is Mede to revive. He stated that the duties on be reduced to the preferential rate other members pointed out that the

TABBLES.

GTON, July 18. coversies in 1920 mocrati

# BANQUE INDUSTRIBLLE:

PEKING COMMENT.

HISTORY AND PROSPECTS.

To those behind the scenes the suspension of payment by the Banque Industrielle de Chine has come, not as 45,000,000, of which one-quarter had been paid up, and one third, Fcs 15,000,000 had been subscribed by the Chinese Government. The latest It an' us twa. published announcements were to Fcs 150,000,000 had been sub- He canna see for the mist thats scribed, Fcs. 75,000,000 paid up and Fcs. 50,000,000 subscribed for by the Chinese Government

strongly upon some of the transactions in which the Banque was then engaged, especially the so-called Industrial Loan for Fcs. 150,000,000, Fcs. 75,000,000 of which were offered for public subscription in Paris on at Pukow, and the establishment of various Municipal enterprises (including Electric lighting, Waterworks and Tramways) in Peking. security was to be the industrial enterprises themselves, and Peking Municipal taxes, other than the Octroi. We suggested at the time that there was no serious intention of proceeding with the Pukow port development scheme, and pointed out that the alleged municipal undertakings to be financed from the loan conflicted with established charters. The French Government underwent a serious interpellation in the Chamber on March 30, 1914, especially on the point whether substantial cash advances had already been made to the Chinese Government, but the interpellators were unable to obtain any definite information. The flotation in France of a Chinese Loan other than a purely industrial loan, at that time, would have conflicted with the French Government's engagements in regard to the Consortium, and complications were introduced by the fact that the prospectus of the Loan included a letter flicting views from the French Minister of Finance. According to the latest information in our possession Fcs. 100,000,000 of the Industrial Loan have actually been handed over to the Chinese Go-Admiral vernment, which; on several occasions that the has had to meet the interest due by the delivery of promissory notes. declares to the Capital subscribed for by the Chinese Government, a very substantial portion at least would seem to have been "subscribed" by means Treasury Bills at varying rates interest, maturing in 1923 and 1925. On this question we also had something to say in 1914, emphasizing the undesirability of a Bank, having official relations with the Chinese Government enrolling Chinese officials among its

> beir shares. Fcs. 147,000,000. If to-day have the most unfavour-

shareholders by the simple expedient

of lending them the money to take up

### INTERPORT SWIMMING. TAM I' THE KIRK.

the congregation Owre valley an' hill wi' the ding

frac its iron mou. When a' body's thochts is set on his ain salvation, Mine's set on you.

There's a reid rose lies on the Buik o' the Word 'afore ye That was growin' braw at the keek o'

He canna pray; but there's name the Kirk will heed him Whanr he sits sae still his lane at the side of the wa For nane but the reid roce kens what

my lassie gie'd him, He canna sing for the sang that his

ain he'rt raises,

afore his een, And a voice drowns the hale o' the pealms an' the paraphrases, As long ago as 1914 we animadverted Cryin' "Jean, Jean!

[From "an anthology of Modern Verse," recently reviewed in the China

There is no reason, of course, why a Sino-French Bank, run on sound conservative lines, should not pay its way. The trouble with the Banque Industrielle appears to have been that it earned, and not without good reason, the reputation of being willing to engage in transactions of a variety and a nature which more conservative institutions would not even entertain. The financing of hotels, for instance, however promising their prospects, hardly comes within the scope of conservative hanking business, our readers may remember that Banque Industrielle, according recently published reports, was terested, to the extent of over \$1,400, 000, or double the share capital, in a single Peking Hotel Many other transactions in which the Banque has been involved in this part of the world have caused considerable misgiving in conservative financial circles. It is no satisfaction, however, to recall the warnings which passed unheeded, and the predictions which, unfortunately, have come true. suspension of payment by a Sino-French Bank of the importance of the Banque Industrielle is a matter of grave concern, not only so the clients and depositors, but also to French commercial interests generally. is, as a French Banking authority quoted by the Temps avers, peculiarshould have occurred at the very enables the Deutsch-Asistische Bank China. The failure of a French exchange bank with such widespread connections as the Banque Industrielle would be a serious blow to French financial prestige throughout the East.

And for that reason, if for no other, may be hoped that measures will be devised by which the Banque business on lines sounder than those adopted in the past. The decision of the Peking Bankers' Association actly what has brought about to advance the funds necessary outstanding banknotes least be a hopeful sign SABULTANCE standng note issue. venture to predict, require many ory security, especially when one Consortium will not prevent the National Bonds bearing interest French Government and French the rate of six to seven per cent. Banking interests from according \$49, the further support necessary to tide give the Banque Industrielle a new

O Jean, my Jean, when the bell ca's INVITATION TO SHANGHAL.

CONTEST IN HONGKONG.

Regarding the proposed interport contests, the facts are that the Hongkong swimmers have sent up a joint invitation to the Shanghai Clubs (Rowing Club and International Swimming Club) to despatch a team of mermen for a trial of skill with the representatives of the Crown Colony : and both clubs are favourable to the idea, and in all probability (if the question of the steamer fares can be satisfactorily settled) a Shanghai team will travel South this year, for the invitation has been passed on to the local swimming association and they have replied, enquiring as to the proposed events, says the China Press. This latter is a move in the right direction, for it obviates any possibility of misunderstandings, such as might have occurred last year in Kobe, when some events were included which did not suit Shanghai and on the other hand several of the Shanghai swimmers' pet events were not on the interport programme. Considerable interest will be evinced

in an interport contest between Shanghai and Hongkong, and the Southerners will give us a rare hard task to win-especially is this so in the case of the water polo game, when Shanghai cannot expect to have matters all their own way as happened last year at Kobe, even if the very best exponents of the game from the-Model Settlement can manage to get away for the trip. Furthermore, Mr. A. A. Clarton, a member of the first Hongkong team which was pitted against Shanghai at the Victoria Recreation baths in 1909, and who has been a visitor recently to the Rowing Club tank here, reports, that the progress made by many of the younger swimmers down in Hongkong in acquiring the "crawl" is wonderful, and here again, in the matter of individual races, Shanghai's best team will be needed. It is the general hope in swimming circles that the interport invitation will be accepted, for thus will be renewed the series of friendly contests temporarily suspended during the War and since then. It would also be in order for Shanghai to send an invitation to Kobe, in acknowledgment of the latter port's hospitality last year. Perhaps since then they have improved in water polo, though it is said that their best swimmer, Albert James, is in Burmah.

arrived in Shanghai by the M.M.S. "Cap Arcona" was H. E. the Marquis de Dosfuentes, Knight & the Chapter of Nobility of Zaragoza, and appointed Minister Plenipotentiary of Spain to China, in succession to the late Mr. Pastor. It is not the first time that the Marquis has been in China, for moment when the signature of the 25 years ago he began his Diplomatic Sino-German Commercial Agreement career in foreign lands filling the post of third Secretary of the Peking to resume its business activities in Legation under the then Spanish Minister, the Doyen of the Diplomatic Corpe during the Boxer troubles. The Marquis de Dosfuentes who for last three years was Minister Caracas, Venezuela, is a University Professor of the Faculty of Political Laws and Science of Chihli, therefore, adding to his brilliant diplomatic career a well-known acientific prestige.

Magistracy yesterday afternoon to answer a charge of having failed detain a man who pawned a counterpane under suspicious circumstances -it bore the mark of a C.P.O.S. steamer the proprietor of a Yaumati pawnshop entered a plea of guilty, explaining through his solicitor, Mr. of France had been awars of the volume of the out-Canton when the notice relating to the seizure of the stolen property millions of dollars to return all was served on the shop, which was the Bank of France is outstanding notes. If the necessary in charge of the accountant whom se blamed. In the present sum can be found by the Chinese his Worship fined \$50 for perjury. tate of China's finances, the Banks it may be hoped that the My client only knew what had hap of Fes. 47,000,000 can hardly antagonism aroused by the refusal pened when he returned," said counasidered sufficient to form a satis- of the Bank Directorate to join the sel, "According to law he is responwould like to point out that my client has been instrumental in bringing to book many persons who attempted to pawn illicit goods. I ask your over the present emergency, and to Worship to impose a nominal fine tion of the offence." Defendant was represent culture. But it is a natural kiri, remarks a Japan contemporary. and warn defendant against a repeti-

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careful in future.

Mr. Dempsey's contribution the literature of the great fight-"1 think I put it over him "-really sets the seal on the performance. The essence of slang is its vagueness,the language of primitive self-con- Japan, sciousness, but presumably Mr. Dempsey means "I think I showed to say that a detachment of the band myself a better man than Curpentier." of the Coldstream Guards, playing in It is impossible to gather this mean the Guildhall to-day on the occasion. ing save from the context of words of Prince Hirobito's visit, was guilty and happenings. By itself it is mean of a serious feur pas. When the ingless. What does "it" refer to? Logically the sentence would convey in full State, with mace-bearer, swordover Carpentier something in the attendants, it is customery the language of primitive people- pio.' I have never known any dethe people who may be supposed to parture from this practice. To day,

cover, the exact though unfortunately the modern of the Robbers!"

part of the degeneration from which we are suffering that we should accept its symptoms as progressive rather than retrogressive, says the Japan Chronicle.

Commenting on the reception at the Guildhall to the Crown Prince of the reporter of Westminster Gazette says :- " I regre Lord Mayor arrives at the Guildhall bearer, City Marshal, and many other whatever band is performing in the is gallery to play the march from Scienjoy seeing two people hit each however, the band went on steadily other and think all the while that playing the music which it had begun they are forwarding the cause of some minutes before the Lord Mayor civilisation by encouraging manly appeared. The music was that of sports. But manly sport and a fight 'Chu Chin Chow,' and the Mayoral such as that of Dempsey and Carpen- party advanced to the dais to the actier are as far removed as the poles, companying strains of the March prize ring has received benediction Lord Mayor, should have wound up from quarters which are supposed to the proceedings by committing hara-

### FATHER. BRINGING UP



# RENTS BILL.

### GOVERNMENT MEASURE BECOMES LAW.

REPLY TO CRITICS.

PETITIONS FROM LANDLORDS AND TENANTS.

The following is a complete report of the Legislative Council debate on the Rents Bill briefly reported in yesterday's China Mail, Petitions were received from both landlords and tenants. Replying to criticism, . H.E. the Governor cited other flagrant instances of unreasonable rentale: Passing all stages yesterday, the Government's amended measure has now become law.

PASSED TIRROUGH ALL ITS STAGES.

The Colonial Scoretary presented to the Council the following petitions:-From Mr. Mak Lai Chi representing Chinese tenants of the Colony; and a further petition asking that they might be represented by Counsel; from certain proprietors of boarding houses; from the proprietors of domestic tenements praying to be represented by counsel on the second reading; and a petition from Chinese domestic tenants in Hongkong which he asked the Secretary for

Chinese Affairs to explain. THE SECRETURY FOR CHINESE AFFURS: Sir. I received a petition on behalf of tenants of Honekong which is signed by 10,142 persons, by chop, and 326 by signature. They ask me to represent that this was a sort of attachment to the petition which Your Excellency has already received from the Colonial Secretary. It is to prove that the tenants of this Colony wish to thank Your Excellency for this Ordinance. They asked that they might be permitted to bring it to my office with a band, but I thought the band would not be noces. sary. They as ared me this was the best law they had ever read. Amongst other bodies the Chines Chambers of Com merce in this Colony, numbering 15, have signed this petition on behalf of 70,000 members. It is very difficult to find out how many people are represented by this , petition. I can told to-day that it is 230,000. I dire say a lesser number might be correct, but I think 136,000 is the minimum figure. Also, 103 guilds of masters and workness, representing 76.500 men, wish to offer this petition to Your Excellency and the members of this Honourable Council, and they ask me in presenting it to convey to the Council that they beg me to ask you that you should not listen to evil advisers but to tell you. Sir. that having read this Bill, they find that you, the Governor, holding justice in your hands, have decided to deal with the people of this Colony as though they were " Your Little red babies. It is a very voluminous petition.

The Attonney-General: I beg to move the second reading of a Bill intituded An Ordinance to amend the law Telating to the recovery of possession in certain cases and to restrict the rents of certain domestic tenements.

The need for some legislation on this subject has been widely recognised. The main objects are to protect tenants from unreasonable increases of their rent and from arbitrary termination of their ten ancies; in other words, to keep the roof over the heads of present occupiers and to pretect them from excessive exploitation. It has been pointed out, Sir, that the Bill would have also had another subsidiary effect in that it will tend to check the recent rash speculation in house property which must, if continued have led to constant increases of rental. resulting in increased cost of living and discouragement of trade. The Bill has been very widely discussed and much help has been derived by the Rents Committee and the Government from the various letters, petitions, reports and other communications received. I would like to say that concrete proposals such as were received on this present Hill are always welcome. I would like to acknowledge too, the very great assistance I have received from, in the drafting of the Bill, the hon, member who represents the Justices of the Peace. The Government. Sir, are fully alive to the general and theoretical objections to logislation of this kind, the undesirability of interfering with the ordinary working of economic law, the danger of discouraging new buildings and that is why—as you yourself have said. Sir—the Government have so far held their hand for a considerable time. But the situation has become so acute that it has been decided that some action is necessary. As a matter of fact I do not think the Bill ought to discourage new building because any new buildings finished after the Ordinance comes into operation wil be entirely outside its scope. I would like, Sir, if I may-it will not take more than a few minutes-to refer again to the policy of the Bill and show how it proposes to work. The two possible causes, I suppose, of the present shortage of housing accommodation are, first of all, the influx of strangers-refugeesinto the Colony and, secondly, the failure on the part of builders and property owners to keep pace with the normal development of the Colony. I do not know how for that second cause affects the result, or whether it is an appreci able cause at all, but I will assume. for the moment, that it is one of the causes of the present shortage. The nituation created by the working of these two causes has been aggravated and made intolerable by two subsidiary factors.one, the speculation in house property, which tends to drive up rents all the time; and, secondly, the greed of certain landlords. The Bill attacks these two subsidiary factors without which the two main causes would not have produced the position or, at any rate, that position would not have been felt so severely.

The two weapons it uses are/the provisions of standard rent and the principle of no ejectment. While the Bill remains in force standard rent alone will be payable, and as long as the tenant pays that rent, and complies with the other terms of his tenancy, he cannot be turned out. With regard to the influx of strangers from elsewhere. The Bill provides that the present occupiers, who are permanent residents of the Colony, shall not be turned out of their houses to make way for people coming in from . outside. It is not possible to attack the other main cause, sie., the failure of

the regular normal development of the Colony because, of course, we cannot create houses by Ordinance but we hope we have encouraged new building by providing that any houses built after this Ordinance comes into force shall be entirely unrestricted as to rentals and they will thus get proferential treatment over existing houses. Certain amendments were published in the Gazette, but the general principle and scheme of the Bill remain unchanged.

Various suggestions have been made for carrying out the object of the Bill which the Rents Committee and the Government have been unable to accept. One was the proposal that the percentage to be charged should be based upon pre-war rents. That I have dealt with in paragraph 3 of the Objects and Reasons of the original Bill: I would only repeat that it would be extremely difficult, in fact it would be impossible. to fix one percentage for the whole of the Colony. It would have to vary in various districts and for different classes of property. A Rents Board has been suggested, and possibly that would be the fairest method if the Rents Board were omniscient and were permanently sitting and could work sufficiently quickly, but there would be great uncertainty, the delay would be great and there would be great expenditure of public and private time. I should very much doubt whether the decisions of that Board could be made so uniform as to be equally fair in all cases. At all events, it is not a proposal which we felt could be produced at such short notice. Again, it is proposed that one of the subsidiary factors I spoke of just now, i.e., the greed of certain landlords, and chiefly of farmers of house property, should be checked by providing that farmers of house property; should be allowed to collect from the tenants below them only a certain percentage of what they themselves pay to their superior landlord. We found that was unworkable: different rates would have to be fixed for different parts of the Colony and different kinds of property in the same district. Some property would be perfectly safe; I do not suppose that tenants on the Peak or Bonham Strand often abscord without paying their rent, but in other parts of the Colony it is a real danger.

Another proposal which was made in the very able report of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce was that the second subsidiary factor, that of speculation in land, should be checked by providing that no rent should be raised for one year after the purchase of house property. That would be a much greater and longer interference with ordinary economic laws than the interference proposed by this Bill, because it would last, in some cases, for at least two years and it would be also very difficult to keep track of the rents charged because under the scheme which it is part of. it is proposed that landfords should still have power to evict in certain circumstances. When a tenant was turned out and a new tenant came in the latter might not know what the late rent was and he might be charged very much higher. It would be impossible to keep track of all these rents, and the provision, I have no doubt, would be very largely evaded. It is suggested. also, that the collection of "shoe money" should be prohibited, but we felt that in a Bill already rather exceptional it would be unwise further to disturb existing practices by prohibiting a custom which, bad as it may be, is certainly widespread. While the Bill remains in operation there is no reason why anyone should be forced to pay any excessive "shoe money" because the weapon in the past for the exaction of "shoe money" has been the threat of eviction and if a man pays the standard rent, as long as the Bill remains in force, that man cannot be furned out I hope the publicity given to the Bill

will result in tenants realising this fact. Another proposal was that buyers of property for their own occupation should be able to enter into occupation even if no other accommodation could be found for the tenants who were ejected I tried to draw up something to meet this, but found it very difficult in detail. I also think it is not necessary. The buyer, if he is buying a house to live in, is either a resident here already or he is someone from outside. If he is a resident, he has a house in which he is living now and can continue. If he is a stranger, then I would say the permanent residents have a greater claim to its use. If it is an old business, a man, has either his old premises in which he can remain, or, if it is a new business then I say, again, that the old estab lished businesses have the greater claim on us then any new businesses. But the rock upon which the proposal would split is the difficulty of providing against bad faith. The buyer would always say he intended to start a business but failure to secure capital, or arrange credits, or other circumstances over which he had no control had prevented his doing so and he would proceed to let the house to somebody else.

The suggestion is made that the Bill should not apply to existing leases containing a clause to the effect that on sale of the property the landford should be entitled to turn out the tenants by giving a certain length of notice. We are told there are many of these cases. If there are, I think that any provision of this kind would cause very great hardship. For example, it would result in what is known as the "Broadwood Terrace case " being taken out of the scope of the Bill altogether. It is also proposed that the Bill should be extended to the case of offices and godowns. That case depends on entirely different considerations from the case of domestic

occupiers, to give them somewhere to live and sleep; it is not to protect trade generally but merely domestic tenementa-The tenants' petition asks for schools and club-houses to be included. If they are used for human occupation, they are included; if not, they are outside the scope of the Bill. It has also been suggested that the Bill should provide that tenants should be required to give six months notice, in the case of shops, and three months' notice in the case of purely domestic tenancies, if they wish to terminate tenancies. I submit that that is outside the scope of the Bill. The object of the Bill is to protect tenants, not landlords. In the present shortage, I think it is no hardship to landlords if tenants leave on giving the usual notice. I see no reason whatever for altering the terms to the tenants to which the landlords have agreed. The Bill will only be in force during the house shortage, and during a bouse shortage a landlord will have no difficulty in getting fresh tenants. It is also proposed to prohibit tong names in new leases. This subject has been discussed for many years here and has always been found too difficult for solution. We could not make a provision of this kind part of old leases and in new leases the landlord could always refuse to accept a tong name and demand an individual name. Another proposal is that tenants

should not be allowed to transfer or aub-let without the consent of the landlord. I find it rather difficult to discover the object of this proposal. The new tenant cannot legally be required. if the tenant transfers his tenancy somewhere else, to pay any more than the old tenant. If the object of this proposal is that the landlord may get any "squeeze" or illicit gain, which is contrary to the spirit of the Ordinance, then I submit that we ought not to help the landford to get that. There is always a danger that a tenant may hand over to someone else in return for premium, or an increased rent, and risk the tenant taking the law against him. submit we ought not to help the landlord to get that illicit gain and there is no reason for this proposal. Certain persons have asked as to farmers' leases. They are not extended by the Bill. No -lease that covers more than a single building is extended by the Bill. Another proposal is that the Bill should provide that rent should be recoverable only in respect of calendar months. When the Republic was founded the attempt was made to introduce the Gregorian calendar but I understand that the Chinese generally use the old calendar, except in dealings with Europeans, and I think it would be a mistake to deal with such a very widespread custom as the use of the Chinese moon instead of the calendar month. The only other proposal I want to mention is that the standard rent should be -taken as the rent on the 30th June provided it is not more than 10 per cent. over the rent on the 31st December. We find that the rents last December were so high and have been increased since then—that these cases were so numerous -that we thought the fair thing would be to take the rent on the 31st

I would like to mention shortly the principal amendments which I will propose in the Bill. The first one appears in paragraph (b) to clause 2 and the effect of it is to bring within the Bill every hotel and boarding house falling within the boarding house rules. There are six classes of boarding houses affected: Chinese hotels, 1st and 2nd, class boarding houses, emigrants' lodging houses, places where employers of labour lodge their employés, and Chinese Seamen's boarding houses. We propose to include these because they are so very generally used not merely by visitors but by permanent residents and also by persons whose presence here is essential to the trade of the Colony. It is proposed to add a further paragraph to subclause 1 of clause 4 providing that, if a lessor bona fide requires possession of the domestic tenement to pull it down or to reconstruct it so as to make it a new building under the Public Health Ordinance, then he shall be entitled to turn the tenant out on giving three months' notice. An amendment to subclause 6 of clause 4 is intended to provide that nothing in this Ordinance is to affect the operation of the sections of the Public Health Ordinance which give power to turn tenants out of & house, without any notice at all, when it has become dangerous. The proposed new sub-clause 5 of clause 4 is taken from the English Act and provides that if the lessor has obtained possession and it is made to appear subsequently that the order was obtained by concealment or misrepresentation the Court may award such damages to the tenant as it may think fit. It is also proposed to add six clauses to the Bill, Nos. 12 to 17. Clause 12 will give the assessor power to alter the valuation where the present valuation is based on rents higher than the rents last December. It is only fair that if a landlord has returned a higher figure on account of increased rent and is now going back to the December rent his assessment should also be reduced. There are two drafts of Clause 13: the clause which it is now proposed to move is the second draft.

it provides that :-If the rent recoverable from the tenant in actual occupation of any domestic tenement on the 31st day of December, 1920, (a) was a rent which had been agreed upon in writing at some date before the 1st day of Junuary, 1918, or (b) was not higher than the rent recoverable from the tenant in actual oc cupation on the 1st day of January, 1918, it shall be lawful for the lessor of such tenement to apply to the court to fix such other rent than the standard rent as the court shall think fit as the rent to be paid in respect of such tenement during the continuance of this Ordinance, provided that nothing in this section shall affect any rent which became due before the commencement of this Ordinance, and provided that nothing in this section shall entitle any lessor, during the currency of any written lease of any domestic tenement for a definite and unexpired terms to any rent higher than the rent reserved in such

lease. The 1st January was taken because that, was just before the rents of proporty began to go, up. We understand that the rents of Uninese property began to rise early in 1919 and of Egropean property not materially till and that,

Clause 14 provides that the Court may allow the lessor to charge a higher rent if he has spent or is spending \$300 upwards in improvement of the property which would have the effect of increasing the rateable value.

\* Clause 15 provides, in effect, that if a man is lessee of two or three houses. and keep one or two floors himself for his family and servants, and his lease expires, he shall not be entitled to keep possession of the whole of the property. The bulk of it goes back to the landlord to let to a new tenant-or the old onebut the latter is only entitled to retain possession of the part he occupies himself, so that any advantage of increased rents will go to the landlord and not to the lessee. That is only fair, because the tenant's lease is only for a definite term and that term-in the case, I have put-will have expired. Clause 16 deals with "shoe money". It does not prohibit it, generally, but provides that no person shall, as a condition or a pretended condition of the grant, renewal or continuance, by himself or any other person, of a tenancy of any domestic tenement, demand payment of any sum of money "hatsoever in addition to the rent. Anyone who does so is liable to a fine of \$1,000.

Clause 17 provides that any rent not payable under the Ordinance which has been paid by mistake can be recovered from the landlord and stopped out of the next rent payable. I beg, Sir, to move the second reading.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded The ATTORNEY-GENERAL formally moved, and the Colonial Secretary seconded, that counsel who were present (in wig and gown) to support petitions for and against the Bill, should be heard by the Council. The motion was agreed to.

MR. ALABASTER'S ADDRESS IN

OPPOSITION. Mr. C. G. ALIBASTER said: May it

please your Excellency and members of

the Council, I am instructed by 31 pro-

prietors of domestic tenements in Hongkong, who represent between them many millions of dollars of invested money, to present their petition, copies of which are. I think, in the hands of all the members of this honourable council, and to represent their views on this matterdo so at the risk of being described, as I have already-been described in a petition in anticipation, as a "counsellor of cvil"; for it is a principle of that British justice, which is represented by the law and is to be found in those institutions, such as this, where the law is .made, that all sides are entitled to a hearing and all sides are entitled to be represented by spokesmen. Now this Bill is opposed by those I represent, and many more who have not had time to prepare or sign petitions. because it is a bad Bill. It is a Bill which, as confessed in the memorandum of Objects and Reasons, was prepared in a hurry, which does not carry out the suggestions on which the Committee appointed was instructed to act, and which attempts to meet a situation which is not a sudden emergency but which is the result of a number of contributing causes which have operated during the last 10 or 15 years and which this Bill does nothing to remove-in fact which this Bill does much to accentuate. The chief of these causes has been the policy of the Land Sales Department of this Colony. The harassing restrictions which are placed in the way of every applicant for land, in whatever part of the Colony he may be, has forced people who are desirous to build to go as far as possible into the market and buy private land in preference to Government land They will rather pay more and be sure they get the land they ask for than take months and months of trouble, resulting in the land being purchased by someone else. This is one of the causes, and perhaps the main cause, of the situation which has brought this Bill about. The second cause is the fact that the military authorities own large sections of land in the centre of the town which they do not require and which they do not put to use. That has caused a congestion which is inevitable and led to the law of supply and demand of private property soaring to great heights. And the third and more temporary cause is the general trade slump which started about a year After the war there was a trade boom and money was locked up in trade, but the trade slump has caused money which would otherwise be invested in commercial enterprises being devoted to the purchase of shares, or the acquisition of landed property, with the result that both shares and land in this Colony have recently boomed. The money was legitimately invested and invested on the faith that the investors would get an adequate return for the money invested. Properties have changed hands in the last few months, not only on the basis of the rents then paid but on the basis of the return the landlord expected to get for his money, the law allowing him to increase his rents, and that is why a Bill such as this, which destroys the sanctity of contract, and which is retrospective, will destroy that very confidence on which all trade and all investment is based. - So far from leading to further building it will make further building in this Colony almost impossible, for once the Government sanctions the principle of retrospective legislation there is no limit to the amount of retrospective legislation which may be subse quently introduced and no one wil know what return be may get upon his money. Clanes 3 of the Bill states that "notwithstanding any agreement to the contrary, whether made before or after the commencement of this Ordinance, and whether oral or in writing, no rent shall be recoverable" except the standard rent and that rent was fixed as the rent of last December. One of the moults of this will be that persons who have with the senistance of the law, evicted the tenants of last year by offering to pay a higher rent to take their place will nowhe protected and permitted to pay only the rent that was paid by the pennie that they themselves dispossessed. . I think the prestest possible objection to this Bill is the clause which fixer the 21-t December last year as the date at which the standard rent should be fixed. " If it is neces. sarv to fix a standard rent surely the rent of the 20th Jine would be a better one, for at that date it was known that the Government contemplated such a Bill and subsequent nurchason of property, if any, have been made on that understand. ing. With your Expellency's permission I will read the petition as I go.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY SIR REGIRILD EDWARD TURN KOMB Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the

and to the Several Honourable Members of the Legislative Council of Hongkong.

The Humble Petition of Li Wai Po, Chung Ting Chiu, Wong Sing Fai, Tang Hung, Tsui Kin Kwok, Tung Wai, Lenng Hing Ip, Chiu Wai, Leung Wai Nam, Leung Shiu Kap, Fung Im. Chin Wong Shi, Sz To Shun Cho, Cheng Yuen, Leung Ying Chi, Pan Cheong Lam, Chan Hoi Lam, Ho Cheuk Ting, Leung Sai-Chun, Yu Wai, Chan Wing Sing, Yuen Sam, Lau Kut Choi, Luk Choi Ting, Tam Chai Yat, Pun Cheung Shi, Yeung Ho, Wong Ping T ng, Chan Ka Ming, Chan Ka On, and Chan Shing Lee, all of Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, Property Owners.

Showeth: -1.-That your petitioners are proprietors of domestic tenements in Hongkong and desire to point out to Your Excelloney and Honourable Members of the Legislative Council certain objections to the proposed Ordinance to amend the law relating to the recovery of possession in certain cases and to restrict the rents of certain domestic tenements and to amend the Rating \ Ordinance, 1901 (hereinafter, called "the Bill").

2. Your petitioners verily believe that their views as expressed in this petition are shared by a large majority of the owners of domestic tenements in Hong-

3.-That your petitioners view with alarm the principle of the whole Bill as unduly interfering with the law of supply and demand and as tending to prevent the free development of the Colony. That notwithstanding the exceptions contained in the Bill as to newly erected property your petitioners do not believe this will lead to the erection of any considerable number of domestic tenements seeing that there is no guarantee contained in the Bill that a similar Bill will not be passed in the near future bringing such newly erected property within its provisions. Your petitioners; therefore, humbly beg to submit that a provision be added to the Bill providing that all buildings now in course of erection or hereafter to be erected shall be excluded from the provisions of this or any, Bill to the like effect for a period of at least 15 years.

4.—Your petitioners also humbly beg to submit that this Bill if passed will cause a serious fall in the value of domestic tenements and that a considerable loss will fall on those persons who have recently purchased property on the basis of the rentals now prevailing in

the Colony. · 5.-Your petitioners further humbly submit that the Ordinance should not be made refrospective but that the standard rent should be the rent payable on the coming into force of the Bill which should not be a date earlier than the date upon which the Ordinance receives the assent of His Excellency the Governor for the following reasons:-

(a) That purchasers of property since the 31st day of December, 1920, have purchased the same on the basis of the rentals payable at the time, of purchase and on the basis of the rents which your petitioners knew the tenants were willing to pay in respect of the properties occupied by them.

(b) That mortgagees have lent money on such properties the amount of loan being based upon the value of the property calculated on the rents receivable at the time of the mortgage and on the saleable value of similar property in the open market which value was based not only upon the rentals then paid but on the demand for

. domestic tenements in Hongkong. 6.-That in many instances property sold since the 31st day December, 1920. if the standard rent is fixed at the rent on the 31st day of Desember 1920 would not be sufficient to pay rates insurance repairs and interest on mortgages and give a fair return on the purchase money.

7. Your petitioners further humbly submit that in respect of domestic tenements which require extensive repairs necessitating a large outlay the passing of the Bill will make it impossible to execute such repairs and obtain a fair return on the money expended.

8 .- Your petitioners, therefore humbly submit that a provision should be added to the Bill allowing the standard rent to be increased by 15 per cent. per annum on the amount expended in such repairs and not 8 per cent, on and above \$500 as in the proposed amendments to the said Bill.

9.-Your petitioners further humbly submit that unless the 15 per cent, mentioned in paragraph 8 of this Petition be allowed one of the consequences of the passing of the Bill will be that owners of property in a poor state of repair will refrain from executing repairs and will allow the property to be condemned under the provisions of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance 1903 while new buildings not subject to the provisions of the Bill will be erected and the tenants of the buildings so condemned will be forced to go into such new buildings and new buildings not subject to the Bill will thereupon be built on the site of the condemned buildings,

10,-Your petitioners further humbly submit that the definition of domestic tenements contained in Section 2 (b) of the Bill is worded so as to include shops and they desire that the sub-section shall be altered so as to exclude

Mr. ALLEASTER: It is stated in the Objects and Reasons that it does not include shops unless the man or his employer live on the premises. But I am unable to accept that as a true reason of the clause which states that a domestic tenement includes every building which is subject to a separate letting and which is used wholly or in part for human vhabitation, for it is common knowledge that in this Colony the upper floors of premises which are used as domestic premises are employed and let out as shope on the ground floor.

111.-Your petitioners further humbly submit that in addition to the case in which notice can be given to a tenant under the Bill a provision should be inserted to 4 (1) (e) sllowing lessors to give notice to tenants in cases where they desire to provide accommodation for their own families or relatives upon the same conditions as are provided in Section 4 of the Bilt. In addition your petitioners beg to submit that the procedure in Section 4.(1) (c) (d) and (e) of referring to the Court the right of denotes and Vice Admiral of the same . Lessor to give a notice to quit is

cumbersome and likely to cause much discontent and litigation and beg to suggest that in addition to the above procedure an alternative should be provided allowing the lessor to give 4 months' notice in the case of domestic tenements without reference to the Court and without the necessity of providing suitable accommodation.

Mr. ALIBISTER: It is a common practice among wealthy Chinese to house . their relatives and it is reasonable that the causes which entitle them to recover from a tenant should be extended in order that their families and relatives be provided with accommodation upon the same conditions as are provided in Section 4 of the Bill.

12.-Your petitioners further beg to subprit that the suitability of the accommodation to be provided by a landlord on being allowed to give notice to a tenant should be more strictly defined.

Your petitioners therefore humbly pray that Your Excellency and the several Honourable Members of the Legislauve Council will be placed to take into consideration the foregoing submissions of your petitioners with a view to the rejection of the said Bill or the amendment thereof in order to meet your petitioners' submissions. And your petitioners will ever pray,

Mr. ALABASTER added: There is another petition which is, I believe, being signed at the present mement. The landlords have been in this difficulty as against the tenants with regard to this Bill: It is easy to draft a petition which requires all praise and no amendment, but the Government inserted in the Gazette on Saturday a number of proposed amendments all of which had to be considered in the criticising of the petitions which were being drafted, and the petition I have just read has had to be entirely re-drafted since Saturday. The other petition, which will probably be presented to-night or to-morrow, whenever it is signed, contains certain arguments which, with your permission, I will

incorporate as part of my argument. In this case the petitioners humbly state:-(a) That such Ordinance is not necessary, is uncalled for, and is an unwarranted interference with the right of free contract; (b) That rents generally are not unwarrantably high, having regard- to the cost of building and repairs; (c) The proposed Ordinance is a gross: interference with the law of supply and, demand-(the nording of this petition is not-mine); (d) A law such as that proposed will undermine the confidence of the Chinese generally in the Government of this Colony: (e) That large properties rin this Colour have been recently purchased by your petitioners and others based on the present rentals of such premises; (f) The present influx of people from China does not consist of people of the poorer classes but of the wealthy classes who bring much wealth to the Colony. If accommodation is not found for these people, the money of whom will stay, permanently in the Colony, the Colony will be deprived of many benefits it would receive; (g) That the proposed Ordinance is in derogation of the Crown leases wherein no provision is made for the restriction of rent; (A) That had more easy facilities been given for the granting of Crown land, less harsh restrictions imposed, and less sefficial obstruction, the present position would perer have arisen. Your petitioners further state that if an Ordinance such as proposed is indispensable in the interests of the Colony then it should be on the following basis: It should be enforced for a period of one year and no more. with a guarantee that it will not be renewed. The standard rent should be on the basis of rent payable on the lat July, 1921, but, if rents had been increated more than 20 per cent. since the 31st December, 1920, then the standard rent should be equivalent to the rent paid on the 31st December plus 20 per cent. That legal authority for notice to quit premises should be three months in the case of residential and six months in the case of shop property. If longer periods are required they can be arranged by agreement. In the Ordinance no provision is made for uncompleted contracts for sale. One can anticipate a great deal of litigation arising out of this Bill. There is little or no pretection. against sub-letting. I should like to say a few words about that. nothing in this Bill which will prevent the greatest extortion which exists in this Colony and that is the rent charged by -it is generally a woman-the principal tenant of the floor who rente out cubicle spaces and bed spaces. It would have been better. I submit, to have adopted a standard rent as from to-day as a temporary measure to permit of persons who have had their rents raised since the resolution increasing the rates to submit their case to a board of three who could decide whether the rent was raised in consequence of that resolution or otherwise justified, and to abolish all the other clauses of this Bill. But this Bill as I have said before, does not attempt to meet the evil, which is that if the public is to be restrained from charging too much for this private land it can only be by releasing more public land for private use.

Mr. F. C. JERKIN: I am in the fortunate position of appearing, on the instructions of Mr. Wilkinson, for the tenants, and therefore am not in the same category as my friend. Mr. Alabaster. I am here merely to voice to Your Excellency the enthusiasm and gratitude of the tenants, as witnessed by the petition the Honourable Secretary for Chinese Affairs has put in this afternoon, and their gratitude at the reception accorded their petition by the members of this Conneil and the Committee appointed by this Council. There is only one matter in connection with which I would ask your Excelleney's indulgence and that is with regard to one of the sections of the Bill and an amendment which was proposed in Saturday's Gazette under sub-section (d) of metion 4. I do not know whether it would be more appropriate that I should address myself to that in Com-

mittee or-HIB EXCELENCY: I think the Council would prefer you to deal with the matter DOW.

Mr. JENEIR - The section deals with the restrictions on the right to possession and the protection of tenante against ejectment. The proposal is to nut in after the words "to quit" in the first line the words "or has or shall have agreed in writing to quit." The proposed addition was in common with the rest of the bestion, fetraspective in effect and would mean that the Court would be spiiled to make an order of ejectment against any tenant who, prior to the coming linto force of this Ordinance and served in any chape or form in writing to quit (Continued on Page 20.)

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That would work considerable hardship in certain cases and as I am instructed it has done so already. The circumstances are these. The tenant is notified by his landlord that he must quit the premises he is occupying. He arranges with his landlord for a period of grace during which he may find what is called alternative accommodation. Assuming he has found alternative accommodation, and, if subsequent to that, the knowledge of this intended Ordinance caused the offer to be withdrawn, what is his position ! He has agreed with his previous landlord to quit his premises and therefore the Court can make an order of ejectment, whereas he has had the alternative accom-modation to which he thought he was going withdrawn from him. The tenants are not asking for much because they have met with considerable consideration from this Council. They are asking, in so far as it is the desire of the Council to give the right of ejectment where agreement to quit shall have been made. that that right shall not be retrospective and that that sub-section shall read so as to make it operative only from the passing of this Ordinance. A case of that kind has been brought to the notice. of Mr. Wilkinson-and I am instructed it is a bad case-where a man having agreed to quit has been left, as it were. out in the cold by reason of the enforcement of the agreement and the withdrawal of the alternative accommodation. Therefore, I ask you when in Committee, to consider the possibility of making that portion read as from the operation of the Ordinance and not retrospective. There is a provision in the New Territories Law to the effect that where at the time of taking over the Territories a person had agreed to a sale of land. that, when a certain Ordinance was put into operation, it was agreed that this agreement for sale should not be operative unless the person came in and confirmed his previous agreement of sale. To what extent I have properly stated the facts I cannot say, but, if that is so. it is a precedent for the application of that principle here—that after a man has made an agreement to quit it should be confirmed before the Court should make an order of ejectment. His Excellency: Does any hon, mem-

her desire to address the Council No member signifying any desire to

SPEECH BY H.E. THE GOVERNOR. H.E. THE GOVERNOR said: Gentlemen, I did not intend to speak on the second reading of the Bill, but it has come to my notice that in speaking previously of the necessity of some such measure I. by an unfortunate slip, confined myself to dealing only with one case of gross extortion. I was carried away rather by the side issue of "farming" and did not give you the other information. I should like to take this opportunity of amending that mistake. I am glad, as a matter of fact, that I confined my remarks to one particular case because the result of my doing so was to produce a letter in the newspapers from the Hongkong, Land lavestment ('o. which afforded the best argument I have yet seen for the passage of such a Bill as this. I am not referring to the ingenious argument to show that an increase of \$33 is equivalent to one of \$11. or rather that it would have been if circumstances had been entirely different. Personally I am seldem impressed by arguments based on the old French saying that " If my aunt had been a man she would have been my uncle." I think it is safer if we look at the facts. There was a passage in the letter in which it was shown that us a result of the farming system, the Land Investment Company had received in respect of certain tenements an income representing 9.52 per cent, on their expenditure. Well, if 2.52 per cent, is the amount which the landlord was getting from his tenant I should say it was not entirely unreasonable. I should have accepted it with pleasure in those days when I was in the position of a landlord. One took risks of property standing vacant. This 2.52 represents the net result to the Hongkong Land Investment Co. That is what is paid to them by the farmer. I contend that this is far too much. The rent is farmed by one man who probably farms it to another, and possibly it is farmed by half-a-dozen, and by the time it gets down to the tenant he is paying not 9.52 per cent., but probably 19 per cent. Even if there is only one farmer and he confines himself to the very moderate rate of 61 per cent. on capital that

and it was proposed to raise it more recently from \$16 to \$20. I do not think it will be contended that the value of money has gone down 25 per cent, since the beginning of this year; so that appears to represent an increase for which there is no justification. This case is not an extraordinary one. On these facts being represented to the farmer he though it better to compromise at \$17. The next case is from Nathan Road, Kowloom The rent was raised \$30 a house-more than 25 per cent, increase: This is an interesting case because the ground given for the increase of rent by the landlord was that if he were to build now it would cost him \$20,000 and the land might be valued at \$6,000. Such an argument is entirely irrelevant. He is not building, but taking advantage of the shortage of houses to make a wholly unjustifiable increase of the rents paid by his tenants. Another case is in Austin Road, where the rent of one room began at \$7, then it rose to \$15 and then to \$17. The tenant having renovated the premises the landlord put up the rent to. \$19.50. The next case is from Mody Rand, Kowloon. The rent in March. 1919, was \$100; in March, 1920, it became \*105; in September, 1920, \$115; and in Inly, 1921, \$135. That is as good a case of extortion as I have yet met. The next ease is from Hollywood Road: where the

ant was raised from \$30 to \$70, and

'h- original cent a few years ago was

here was a case in Wanchai Road, where

\*15, and was reised to \$20 in January, \$34

in April and recently to \$85. I think that

a sufficient answer to the suggestion.

that the rents fixed should be those of

"h June. In a case in Morrison Streat

· rent of \$175 was raised in the fourth

would make 16 per cent, the tenant is

paying on the property. That is too

much. This is one of the evils of the

farming system which is a matter. I con-

sider, that ought to be dealt with and

requires dealing with at once. I suggest

to the Council that in the letter before

us we have overwhelming reasons for

dealing with the farmer at an early date.

Let me give you other instances. The

first is a case in Irving Street-it is a

case in which a farmer is concerned The

rent was raised from \$12 to \$16 in May,

moon to \$200, and now it is proposed to raise it to \$600. In Chatham Road land was leased in 1911 by the Land Investment Company at \$2. They then adopted the system of farming and the rent was raised to \$14, and the second man raised it to \$19, and at the same time "shoe money" of \$50 was demanded. There are two cases in Cross Street, Wanchai. The rent was raised in one case from \$14 to \$28; and in another from \$11 to \$28. In Graham Street a rent of \$30 was raised in August, 1920, to \$70, and it was now proposed to raised it to \$100. In Gough Street rent was raised from \$27 to \$30, then to \$37 in March last and now to \$75. I think these cases supply all the comment that is necessary.

They speak for themselves. His Excellency then put the motion for the second reading of the Bill to the Conneil, and it was passed without a dis-

sentient vote. The ATTORNEY-GENERAL then moved that the Council go into Committee to consider the Bill clause by clause. The Colonial Secretary seconded and

the motion was agreed to. His - Excellency invited Counsel appearing for petitioners to remain it they so wished. Mr. ALABASTER remained to press the

amendments he had indicated in his

### THE COMMITTEE STAGE.

On Clause I, the ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved to amend the long title by the addition of "and to amend the Rating Ordinance, 1901."

The motion was agreed to. On Clause 2, the ATTORNEY-GENERAL proposed to amend paragraph (2) as

tullows: (a.)-Insert after "habitation" in the fifth line, "and every hotel and boarding house falling within any one of the classes of boarding houses specified in Rule 1 of the rules made by the Governor in Council under the Asiatic Emigration Ordinance, 1915, and the Boarding House Ordinance, 1917, and published in the Gazette of the 19th day of October, 1917." (b.)-Amend paragraph (ii) by adding

" or their families." (c.)-Amend paragraph (iii) so as to read: -

(iii.)-Any hotel or boarding house which does not fall within any one of the classes of boarding houses specified in Rule 1 of the rules made by the Governor in Council under the Asiatic Emigration Ordinance, 1915, and the Boarding House Ordinance, 1917 and published in the Gazette of the 19th day of October, 1917.

(d.)-Insert the following paragraph:-(iv.)-Any part of any hotel or boarding house whatsoever. (e)-Renumber the present paragraph

(ir) as paragraph (r). (f.)-Add the following paragraph:-(ra)-Any building for the time being vested in the Custodian of Enemy Property, or any part of any such building.

MILITARY TENEMENTS. H.E. THE GENERAL: Perhaps this may be a good opportunity to make it quite clear that property belonging to the Secretary of State for War cannot be subject to the operation of this Bill. The War Department have allowed some portion of the married quarters to be leased and so helped to relieve the pressure on the housing accommodation. Now, however, these quarters are required for the married families of troops, and, therefore, present tenants have received notice to quit. I should like to make it quite clear that this Bill does not limit the powers of the Secretary of State for War in that respect. I do not know whether this would be the place to propose an amendment to make.

that clear. The ATTORNEY-GENERAL: The Ordinance would not bind the Crown. If an amendment were inserted, it might give ground for arguing that other Crown property was in a different category. Obviously if the military require this property they must obtain possession of it. If the Ordinance prevented them, special legislation could be introduced.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR: I do not think it will be necessary. Mr. Alaeasten: On this clause, as pointed out in the petition, it is not clear whether shops are intended to be included or not. We know offices are not included and I think the clause should be made perfectly clear.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL said that if a shop were let separately and no part of it were used for human habition, it would not come under the Bill, but in the case of Chinese shops they were so

The SECRETARY OF CHINESE AFFAIRS: The petitioners are quite satisfied and they do not doubt that a suop is included, having no doubt whatever that a shop is a demestic tenement. They could always prove, in case of need, that they do occupy their shops.

The Hon. Mr. LAU CHU PAR agreed. Mr. ALABASTER said that as the clause was worded now a "shop" was apparently governed by whether there were people upstairs or not.

The ATOENEY-GENERAL said that shops were used for habitation by the Chinese. HIS EXCELLENCY asked if Mr. Alabaster . desired to omit shops: Mr. ALABASTER said he did, and to put

them in the same category as offices and g-downs. The ATTORNEY-GENERAL: Even if they are used for habitation ? Several members remarked that all

Chinese shops were used as human habit-The ATTORNEY-GENERAL: The proposal would defeat the object of the Bill with regard to a very large number of dwel-

ling-places. . Mr. LAU CHU-PAK: Shop-keepers have suffered more than anyhody else. HIS EXCELLENCY: If no member desires to move an amendment, the clause, as amended, stands part of the Bill.

THE STANDARD REST. On sub-clause (i), oi clause 2, Mr. ALABASTER said the petitioners he represented desired that the standard rent should be the rent which obtained on the. 30th of June.

HIS EXCELLENCY: That matter has been very fully considered. I feel that the Council is unanimonsly of opinion that the date should not be sitered. . -The Secretary of Chinese Affiles: There are 200,000 petitioners who beg to

put June 1st, 1914. His Exculency: My own inclination was to go back to 1914, but the difficulties were too great and December. 1920, though not the best possible date, is the most convenient one.

Clause 2, as amended was then approved. Clause 5 was adopted with verbal

amendments. The Attorney-General moved several verbal amendments to Clause 4, and referring to para (c) he said the effect of the clause as it stood would be to make a man living on the ground floor liable for the conduct of tenants above. He could not turn them out, and it would be an unfair obligation to place upon him. If they misconducted themselves he might be turned out by the landlord, or it might be a collasive affair. HIS EXCELENCY: On the other hand, ought not a tenant to be responsible for

any person he puts in his house? The Hon. Mr. POLLOCK: They may be sub-tenants of his sub-tenants. The sub-clause was allowed to remain

as drafted. On sub-clause (d) of Clause 4, His Executancy recalled Mr. Jenkin's point as to the position of a man who had agreed to quit but who found that alternative accommodation had been withdrawn. He said it would be rather difficult to frame a clause so that inconvenience would fall impartially on the right person. The landlord would not be able to get an increased rent from anybody else and would probably agree to a compromise and prefer that the tenant he knew should remain.

The Hon. Mr. P. H. Horroax: I think the matter will adjust itself: such cases

will be very few. The Hon. Mr. Ross mentioned that a man subject to a fine of \$100 a day for every day he remained on certain premisce after July 1st, had decided, when he heard of this Bill, to remain on and he (Mr. Ross) told him he thought he would be justified, and would be upheld by the Courts. The petitioners seemed to think the Courts would give the landlord damages but he did not think so. because the man was intimidated into giving that agreement, by which he was being charged \$100 a day, instead of \$200 a month before. Mr. Ross did not think the landlord would wish to get the tenant out, knowing that he would not get any more from a new tenant. The Hon. Mr. Lau Chu-Pak thought

the clause, as amended, was the most satisfactory compromise that could be arranged. it was agreed that the sub-clause

should stand part of the Bill. On paragraph (e) of sub-clause 1 of Clause 4. Mr. ALABASTER said the petitioners would like the word "lessors" to be extended to include his families and rela-

tives who should have the same considera-

tion as was shown to his employer. His Excellency: Are they not in-Mr. ALABASTER: Not necessarily, under the Chinese system of family life. The Hon. Mr. Ross thought the Courts

would hold that anyone of the same surname was a member of the family; it is the clan. Mr. Alabaster: Should it not be limited to families?

The Hon. Mr. POLLOCK: Perhaps Mr. Alabaster means his wives and children? The Council adopted a suggestion of His Excellency that the words should be "himself and his family." His Excellency thought "relatives" was too wide a

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved to add the following paragraph after para. (e) in sub-clause 1 of Clause 4:-

(f.)-The lessor bond fide requires possession of the domestic tenement in order to pull down such · domestic tenement or in order to reconstruct such domestic tenement to such an extent as to make such domestic tenement a new building within the meaning of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, and shall have given the tenant three months' notice to quit.

Subsequent amendments and additional clauses proposed by the ATTORNEY-GENERAL were adopted without discussion.

# THE THIRD READING.

On the Council resuming. H.E. THE GOVERNOR said in this case, for the purposes of Rule 48 of the Standing Rules and Orders, I declare that an emergency exists, and that in my opinion it is desirable in the public interest that Rules 42 and 47 be suspended, so as to enable the bill to be carried through its remaining stages at this sitting of the Council. The grounds for this declaration are that, as the object of the bill is to protect the tenants of domestic tenementa from unreasonable increase in rental and from arbitrary termination of their tenancies, and as rents have been and are being raised unreasonably, and as attempts have been and are being made to eject tenants who are unwilling or are unable to pay such increased rents. it is desirable to pass the bill immediately so as to afford relief to as many as possible of the class which the bill proposes to protect.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded and the suspension of the Standing Orders was agreed to.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL then moved the third reading of the Bill. The Colonial Secretary seconded, and the Bill was passed. THE ADJOURNMENT.

His Excellency: The remaining business on the agenda we do not propose to take. In any case I fear these Bills will not be ready this week. I propose, therefore, that we should adjourn sine die. I should like, before we go, to express my thanks to members of the Committee and more specially, if I may say so, to the Attorney-General and his learned colleague, the Hon. Mr. Pollock, for the immense trouble they have taken in producing this Bill, which I trust will be successful in attaining the object for which it was devised.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE." A meeting of the Finance Committee

was afterwards held, the COLONIAL SECRETARY preciding: THE GAP ROCK CABLE

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$19,816 in aid of the vote Public Works, Recurrent, Communications, (8) Maintenance of telephones including all cables. The CHAIRMAN: This sum of \$19,616 is

the amount required for repairing the cable to Gap Rock. We took advantage of the presence of the cable ship Potrol in the waters of the Colony to employ her in recovering the cable and finding out what was wrong. "Fortunately the cable was recovered in about two days after the ship actually got to work and it was found-that the cable had been clean cut across. By whom and how it whe done was not clear; It may have been by a fishing boat recovering her anchor. It required half a mile of large

cable and nearly 21 miles of smaller cable to effect the necessary repairs. The hire of the ship cost £800, the half mile of large cable £309, (1) the rest of the cable £1,098 and material £216-a total of £2,452, of which \$19,618 is the equivalent in local currency. It was a successful but rather expensive job.

Approved. KOWLOON TELEPHONE WIRES. The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$6,500 in aid of the vote Public Works, Recurrent, Kowloon, Communications. (27),/Maintenance of Tele-

The CHAIRMAN: This sum is to lay underground-a number of telephone wires in Kowloon. The poles are carrying so many wires between Kowloon and Hunghom that in a typhoon it is thought they may come down. So having a cable in stock we decided on laying these cables underground. It involved a cost of \$3,900 to the Public Works Department and \$2,600 to the railway. For simplicity it was decided to take a single vote and charge the whole to Public Works Recurrent. Approved.

# EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Rauter's Service to the China Mail.)

PACIFIC CONFERENCE.

Paris, July 16th (delayed). Le Temps strongly supports the suggestion to invite the Netherlands to the Washington disarmament conference because of her extensive interests in the Far East,-Haras.

## JAPANESE SAILORS IN FRANCE.

PARIS, July 16th (delayed). Captain Ichijo, Japanese Naval Attache, gave a luncheon to a number of French naval officers and expressed his deep appreciation of the cordial welcome extended to Japanese sailors everywhere in France.-Haras.

### STATUS OF DOMINIONS.

LONDON, July 15th. Dr. Arthur Berriedale Keith in 2 letter to the Times, says that President Harding's action in not extending a separate invitation to the Dominions for the disarmament conference is a necessary deduction from the refusal of the Republican Party to accept the separate veting power allotted to the Dominions in the League of Nations. The same consideration prevented the appointment of an independent Canadian representative at Washington. The episode is fundamentally important as a reminder that the status of the Dominions is still imperfect, so long as it is not recognised by the greatest World-Power.

### UPPER SILESIA.

PARIS, July 16th (delayed). It is believed that M. Briand has intimated to the British Government his readiness to co-operate in sending to Upper Silesia a joint expert commission to enquire into an equitable apportioning of the plebiscite territories.-Haras.

# THROUGH OTHER EYES.

DO AMERICANS LOVE THE ENGLISH?

MR. CHESTERTON'S ANALYSIS.

Mr. G K. Chesterton, has just returned from America, and consequently this brilliant analysis of Anglo-American susceptibilities contributed to The Sunday Express will no doubt be read with the keenest interest even by those who will not share all his opinions :--

The need for Anglo-American understanding is a subject much too serious for solemnity. When the politicians and diplomatists talk about a grave situation or a great responsibility, they invariably go on to use language which would be perfectly proper in moving a vote of thanks to a duchess at a Flower Show, or offering a presentation clock to a cricketing curate.

That is, they improve their solemn occasion with the talk specially suitable to a frivolous occasion; they deal in colourless compliments and congratulatory generalisations, and give, the impression of doing their best to say something about nothing in the nicet possible way.

In the Anglo-American example; they can talk about nothing but unity-about One Law, One Right, One Race. One Shakespeare, and the Musical Glasses-until any sane man standing by feels that we are very near indeed to a most horrible disruption, if we get to unified as all that. But when a sane man really does like two peoples, and really does want them to like each other, his comparative realism will always have an air of bathos and almost of buffoonery. Before attempting to give the faintest suggestion of my own feelings about American feelings, I would ask pardon for laying down the law in the form of two neglected

GROUND FOR AFFECTION.

First, there are two reasons for which people may like each other; because they are alike and because they are different. The latter is by far the commoner

ground of affection between individuals. It is the only ground of affection between nations. No two nations, ever can like each other because they are alike. To begin with, they never are alike. If they were they would not be two nations, but one. They can meet on every other ground except milerity; they can do any, thing to each other except imitate each other; but nationality is inimit

able. An American may be a good man, a good citizen, a good ally, a good friend, but he will certainly be a bad Englishman. And it would be more respectful to regard an American as an American Indian, interesting for his fantastic headdress and fascinating picture writing, than to regard him as a sort of long lost Englishman, with a tongue that talks the right language with the right colours in the wrong pattern. real Englishman will like him for being un-English for his steady and almost standardised high spirits, for the soaring imagination that idealises his business ambitions, for the splendid blazon of his heart upon his sleeve.

In short, the Englishman will like the American as a character, perhaps a queer character, and vice versa; it is probably the one real way to like anybody. It does not in the least follow that a man wishes to be like what he likes, any more than a man in love wants to be a woman. It is the very last thing he wants.

QUARRELA. The second truth, is that international quarrels do not come because men misunderstand another nationality. They generally come because men misunderstand their own nationality.

It is not merely because a man has never seen a foreigner except in a picture. It is also because he has never seen himself even in a lookingglass. The extreme example of this was the comic tragedy of the German. The German was always running about with a notebook everywhere, eagerly and earnestly understanding everybody. He was always making abstracts of the philosophy of the Hottentot folk lore, or drawing diagrams of the attitudes of the Highland Fling. But there was one question he never noted down, and that was the query of why his own remarkable individuality had so singular an effect on others as to fill them with a desire to kick, beat, and propel him for considerable distances; why in his presence the Hottentot lost all his philosophy and the Highland Flinger showed a desire to fling him into the sea.

The English case is not so crude as the German; but it has something of the same perilous unconsciousness. It is not the Englishman's ignorance

of America, that is the danger. It is the Englishman's ignorance of England; of what the English have really done, of how the English really

Even when we admit we were wrong, it is always about the wrongthing that we are admittedly wrong. I will give one compact case, which I have mentioned elsewhere. We were all taught that George III was wrong to impose the Stamp Act. and George Washington right to resist it. But in reality there was a great deal to be said for George III. I wonder how many people know that in the war following on Washington's, British generals under British orders marched to Washington and quite wantonly and wickedly burnt it to the ground.

There is certainly nothing whatever to be said for those generals. It was pure Prussianism, and has ever since made it easier for every American to believe that we are as bad as Prussia. But I ask you to imagine that a foreign gentleman has let you in for an extra expense in halfpenny stamps, which is a pretty fair parallel to the terrible tax of George III. Suppose you resist this; and some time afterwards the foreign gentleman, calling in your absence, takes the opportunity to burn your house to a heap of ashes. The incident then slips from his memory, but whenever you meet him on subsequent occasions in society he is always apologising for the

postage stamp.

Unfortunately, there are still stories of the same kind against us; and the burning of Cork is closer than the burning of Washington. It is impossible to measure how much damage has been done to our prestige by the recent notion of fighting anarchy with anarchy in Ireland. But the point at present is not merely that the American knows these things. It is that the Englishman does not know them. He is like a man walking about without knowing what is chalked on his back. The Irish are naturally telling everybody that the English do these things, and the English do not even know that they are done. Moreover, the point at present is not the effect on our enemies. It is much more the effect on our friends.

It is happily a very solid truth that we have a number of perfectly sincere, even passionately sincere, friends in America. The Anglo-Americans often reassure us by reminding us of it; and I am much more certain that it is entirely true than I am that it is entirely reassuring. If we are wise we shall be warned by a new note in the very voices of those who are most attached to us by type and tradition. Such men are always telling the

English guest that they at least are still faithful, that they do not believe England is so black as she is painted or her prospects so dark as they are drawn, The affection of these men for England is of the

most vivid and genuine kind, for it is the kind above described, which rests on difference and not on similarity. Americans love England for not being American, for the romantic irregularity of her roads, for the antiquated solidity of her cottages. for the ancient mystery of her cathedrals. And many of them do feel this affection very acutely just now; but it is because the situation is scute. So, in 1914, many perfectly patriotic Englishmen went about saving, "I cannot think it of my dear Bavarians, or-" I will never believe it after the happy days I spent in Heidelberg."

'Absit omen!' For there came upon me with a cold shock of wonder, and of something like anger, that the note of all this was new, England was being 'pitied,' and the England of my boyhood had not accustomed me to the feeling.

Even now I will mention it because I do think it vitally urgent that we should wake up to realities, and avert dangers that others see more clearly than we.;

AMERICAN SYMPATHY.

The optimists tell us that many Americans sympathise with England in her quarrels. They do, indeed, sympathise; they sympathise as they might sympathise with Poland before her disruption, or with Spain in the first disasters of her decline. And this is a practical, and may yet be a profitable warning. If these Americans disliked England it might be their own fault ; indeed, it certainly would be their own fault. For a civilised and historic Christian nation like the English, with a constellation of poets and heroes, must have something about it that a reasonable

foreigner might like. But if they pity England it is probably our own fault; because we have strayed from our strong position and missed the advantages of our real virtues. We must have made some bad mistakes of our own, which may yet be remedied, and the first and worst mistake is always to assume that it is only foreign critic who is mistaken. The deeper causes to which I should trace it, the amnesty for political corruption, the multiplication of new and vulgar officialism, the refusal to reply to Soci lism with a vacant distribution of property, are matters too large for this note. But I will conclude with one or two typical scraps of advice for retaining for our country the respect of reason-

able Americans. FRANKNESS NEEDED. (1) If you are resolved to resist the Irish claims, say you are doing it for the protection of England, which they understand, and not with any notion of the patronage of Ireland, which they very rightly despise. Do not, in the name of sanity, say ' , that you love the Irish, but alas! they cannot govern or manage their own politics. There are plenty of Americans who loathe the Irish, but they. all know that the Irish can manage politics and that they largely govern

America. (2) If you want really to defend the British Empire, do not say that the Anglo-Saxon has a mission to rule everybody, but say that the Englishman really has a taste for turning up everywhere. The average American is not an Anglo-Saxon, but he is an intelligent human being, and he can understand that some people have more itch for a sort of sea-faring and trading adventure than other people. Let him judge that idea by the success in tolerating different religious cultures in India, and not by the ghastly failure to crush a religious culture in Ireland.

(3) . Whenever you really note a foreign fault, pause to ask if you yourself have not the opposite fault; and set yourself, like a patriot, to put it right.

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Where these actually proved to bewill probably never be known, because the bables have been adopted by some of the most prominent families in New York. In a few years their names will appear in the social re-

Plans for what is described as the "New Mayflower Pilgrimage" were made by the National Adoption Society of England with the cooperation of the British-American Adoption Committee at New York. one of several agencies existing in this country to supply the great demand from childless parents for healthy children of the best stock.

SOME OF THE CUSTOMS OF THE LAND DESCRIBED.

London contemporary:--

Empire of the Rising Sun.

intrigued by its customs, beauty and themselves turn backward. picturesqueness. One fears that The best rooms are at the back of Western civilisation is likely in the the house; and not, as is so often the long run to destroy much of the first case with us, in the front. and last, and engraft upon its quaint | If one meets a particularly festiveand progressive people many things looking procession wending its way

that are foreign to their genius. an interesting study. It is strange how non-committal they asually are, We content ourselves with "Good- After dinner speeches are made morning." "Good-day." "Good- before the banquet. They average afternoon." or "Good-evening: " | shorter than with us the reason being | and all the time the weather may be obvious. quite the reverse.

"Ohavo," meaning literally "It is many Japanese start washing the feet honourably early ": in the afternoon | first, and not their faces. "Konniehi-wa," which being in- | When going out for a ride on Quan tion used later in the day. "Konban- horse is carried over to the left side, Six wa," which merely asserts that it is and the horse is put into the stall tail Day "This evening."

"Sayonara" means, in reality, "H English boy would do. ed at one's departure it conveys the period take some pains to keep their Six hours. ........ 1.00 idea that " If we must part then there age a secret. In Japan the women is no other thing to do."

ly present little or no difficulty. Not old, so that they may enjoy the reso, however, those of Japan. One spect paid to and privileges enjoyed cannot count simply one, two, three by the aged. four and so on. Not a bit of it. CONTRADICTORY CHARACTERISTIC "Ichi" is one undoubtedly. But if | After all, this strange reversa we wish to say one rifle customs and habits from our own, the numeral is not "lichi" at all, but cause of its completeness, is "itcho," and should we desire to refer | perplexing than it would be if in

be used. Topsy-turyydom (as we regard One finds clougside the most things) is the ineradicable habit of far developed idealism the most revol Eastern races, characterising not only | realism: more especially in theat

FESTIVE FUNERALS.

a house a Japanese gentleman does influenced of people, is an individual to read a book at the beginning (as quality anise. we have it.) but at the end. And It is, indeed, by a combination of instead of the lines crossing the page totally contradictory characteristics they run up and down it. He reads and qualities, each extreme being Beyond 4th to 6th milealso from the right to left page, and perpetuated to its fullest extent, inand not the reverse way, as we do. stead of, as might have been expected. The "footnotes" are placed at the bending with and modifying the other. top; and the greater margin is also that Modern Japan, which has so

Ancient Japanese clocks have nations, has been evolved.

Established

stationary hands. The faces revolve backwards, with the hours marked 7, 6, 5, 4, etc., reckoning onward from noon.

The Japanese building a house proceed in the exact opposite manner to ourselves. The roof is first con-The following is from the pen of structed. All the tools used by the Mr. Clive Holland appearing in a native carpenter and joiner have a re-I verse action. He does not push a Probably the Crown Prince of plane away from him, he draws it Japan will ere this have found many towards him. The gimlets are of our customs and practices as "threaded" in the reverse way to strange to him as travellers from ours. The saws are made to cut on Western lands do the customs of the | the upward pull, and not on the downward thrust. Screws have their One is not long, indeed, in the land threads reversed, and keyholes are of the Mikado ere one is amused and made upside down, and the keys

along the street it is a funeral; and Greetings of different nations form | the coffin is stood upright and not | laid on the bier, and is buried in this

One does not go to bed in Japan. In Japan the morning greeting is The bed is brought to you. And

terpreted, means "To-day," is even horseback a Japanese mounts from less open to question ; as is the saluta- the right side. The mane of the Three

In these phrases the Japanese puts | If one wishes to write a letter one little more or little less beyond the takes a long or short roll of paper, not conventioned idea in these phra- a sheet : begins the letter along the by 50 per centum. ses (than do the people of other curve of the roll, and the former comcountries), but in the Japanese " good- | mences as ours would end. In addres- | bye "is traceable the very refinement | sing it one reverses the usual order, of his philosophy of life. In the puts England first, and Mr. last, and Six hours. ..... 1.50 softly flowing and liquid "Sayonara." stamps the envelope on the back. which speeds the parting guest or Should a schoolboy learn, to write friend one has all the calm accept- Roman characters he will commence ance of what life brings, and the the letters quite naturally in the Quarter hour,......\$0.15 fatalistic doctrine of non-resistance, exact opposite place to which an

it be so," and thus when it is whisper- | With us women after a certain | Three hours, ..... 0.70 announce it by their dress; and young The numerals in a language general- women are always anxious to become

to one chair it is neither "ichi" nor mittent. If has undoubtedly tu "itcho." but "ikkiaku" which must the life and morals of the race. - Japan many things are contradict the general mode of life, but every representations, many of which outdetail of it, and of their intellectual rival Grand Guignol. But after all and moral being. I this is but the outward indication of the strange blending of qualities which Here are a few of the strange in- has made the modern Japanese; who, versions of the usual, and of Western whilst to superficial observers apideas and customs. Upon entering parently the most pliant and easily not take off his hat; he takes off his capable of unyielding persistence shoes. A student does not commence should occasion for the exercise of that

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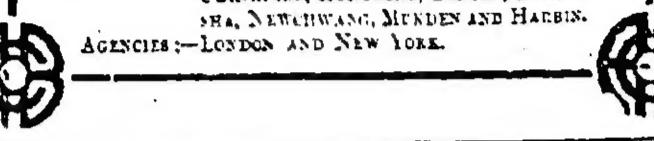
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EMPIRE CONFERENCE.

PROMOTING UNITY IN VARIOUS WAYS.

LONDON, July 18.

It is officially announced that a further special conference was held at the Colonial Office at noon to-day, Mr. Churchill presiding. Messrs. Hughes, Massey, Ballantyne, Smartt, Mentz, and Sastri were present. They passed a resolution recommending that developments in wireless telephony be investigated and technical reports furnished to the governments of the dominions and India. They also commended to the favourable consideration of those governments the principle of the proposals of Mr. Shortt providing for the acquisition of British nationality by persons of British descent of second and subsequent generations born abroad, subject to registration at birth and renewal of registration as a British subject at majority. They also recommended an early conference of representatives of the Patent Offices of the dominions in London to consider the practicability in instituting a system of granting patents, which would be valid all over the empire. They agreed with the resolution passed at the imperial Press conference at Ottawa in 1920 that any Government assistance towards a reduction of rates for Press services should appear specifically in the estimates and any practicable proposals to reduce cable and wireless rates for Press messages.

# STAFFORDSHIRE OIL WELL

A PROMISING GUSH.

LONDON, July 18. Replying to a question regarding oil-boring in Staffordshire, the Rt. Hon, S. Baldwin stated in the House of Commons that boring at Hardstoft had been carried to a depth of 3933 feet and 213,825 gallons of high grade oil produced.

# INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS.

BRITISH COMPETITORS OUT OF LUCK.

SWAMPSCOTTS MASS, July 18.

Misfortune is dogging the English athleses and detracting interest in the inter-varsity Oxford-Cambridge Yale-Harvard athletics fixed for the 23rd. Trowbridge has appendicitis and will not compete: McInnes has a severe bronchial attack, and Stallard's foot is troubling him, but the doctor hopes that both may he fit in time.

# INDUSTRY REVIVALS.

1APAN WANTS LANCASHIRE TEXTILE MACHINERY.

LONDON, July 18.

These are signs of a revival of industry. 'Several mills, also tin plate works, in South Wales are restarting. This means employment for a large number of workmen. There is a keen demand for textile machinery from Lancashire, chiefly from India, also France and Japan.

# ETIMBRO HONOURS CAMADIAN PREMIER.

LONDON, July 18. The freedom of Edinburgh was conferred on the Canadian premier.

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# INWARD MAILS.

TUESDAY, JULY 19.

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SUNDAY, JULY 24. Japan .... Wasaka Marc

TUESDAY, JULY 26. Calcutta and Straits ....... Nagato Maru

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TUESDAY, JULY 19. Samshui and Wuchow ...... Kwong Hang...... & p.m. WEDNESDAY, JULY 20. THURSDAY, JULY 21.

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Swatow, Amoy and Foothow ..... Hatching ...... Noon. Philippine Islands ...... 2 p.m. -SATURDAY, JULY 23. Straits and Bangkok ...... 9 a.m. Swatow, \*Straits and \*Bangkok ...... Chinhua ...... 9 a.m.

Shanghai and North China ...... Chenan ...... 8 p.m. "Swatow, "Shanghai and "North China ..... Hopsang ........ 5 p.m. SUNDAY, JULY 24. Systow, Amoy and Keeling ...... Kaijo Maru..... 9 a.m. MONDAY, JULY 25.

Hothoward Baiphong ..... 5 p.m. Loksang ..... 5 p.m. TUESDAY, JULY 26. Swatow, Amoy and Foochow ..... Hailoong....... I p.m. WEDNESDAY, JULY 27. Sentow and Bangkok ...... 9 a.m.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL

Called upon to slop, a man walking along Main Street yesterday drapped forty tins of opium and made off.

The awning and engine casing of launch No. S were damaged through a fire which started in some loose oil while the vessel was proceeding from the Yaumati slipway to the "T" Pier yesterday ...

Mr. Ng Fook Sang, for many rears chief accountant at the Central Police Station; died at the Government Civil Hospital at 3 a.m. this morning. Mr. Ng. who was 60 years of age, had been retired some years.

Some mild excitement was created outside the Harbour Office yesterday when a Chinese under the influence of liquor stepped off the sea wall into the harbour. He was promptly rescued and removed to hospital.

Injured in the right side of the body by motor cycle No. 74, driven and owned by Mr. Punchon, of Kowloon Docks, a Wanchai Chinese was removed to hospital yesterday from Chatham Road where the accident occurred

Having jumped from the ground floor to the basement of a house in the basement of a house in the lane, a distance of about Sam To Lane, a distance of about twenty feet, in their anxiety to avoid arrest when the premises were raided for opium, two men were removed to hospital suffering from ir juries to their backs and feet.

Having been so unwise as to leave his coat hanging from a peg a shopkeeper travelling from Kong Mun to Hongkong on the as. "Son Ming" yesterday, discovered that an elaborate watch, chain appendages, altogether valued at \$300, had been

According to the amended advertisement inserted in this issue by the joint service of the Hongkong and Macao Steamboat Co., Etd., and the China Navigation, Co., Ltd., sailings to Canton will now take place daily at 8 a.m. and 10 pm. (Sundays 10 p.m. only), and from Canton daily at S a.m. and 5 p.m. (Sundays 5 p.m. only) The sailings on the Hongkong-Macao service remain unaltered.

An action for defamation of character has been brought in the U.S. Court for China by a Russian lady, Miss Mary G. Rabenow, against Mrs. A. G. Grimes and Dr. A. E. Woods (Peking). Plaintiff, who resides at No. 45 North Szechuan Road. alleges that first defendant publicly said plaintiff was immoral and a political refugee and that, as the result of a statement by the second defendant, she had been unable to secure employment. Plaintiff asks for \$5,000 damages. On the order of the Court, the case will be heard at Tientsin. -

In the Divorce Division, on May 13, Mr. Justice Hill gave judgment in the case in which Mr. John Bardsley Harrop of Brighton and Ayer Tawah Estate, Sitiawan, sought a dissolution of his marriage with his wife, Mabel, on the ground of her misconduct with a Dane, named Jensen. Mr. H. Murphy (instructed by Mr. C. Burt) Brill, of Brighton) appeared for petitioner. It was stated in the evidence that the marriage took place in Penang, and his Lordship had reserved his judgment to consider whether the validity of the marriage had been sufficiently proved. Giving judgment, his Lordship said he was satisfied that the marriage had been established, and granted a decree nisi, with the custody of the child.

# SHIPPING PERSONALS.

Captain G. A. G. Morse has gone back Master of s.s. "Luchow." Mr. J. E. Richards has been appointed Master of s.s. "Taikoo Wan

Mr. C. W. Falk has been appointed Master of s.s. "Thak Sang" in place of Capt. Courtney who is proceeding on leave.

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A SERIOUS CASE

B.A.T. CO. AGENT SENT TO JAIL.

"This is a very serious case," said Magistrate Orme this morning when convicting a Shankiwan shopkeeper,

British-American Tobacco Co. agent for that district, on a charge of having had possession of over 716,000 lificit cigarettes brought ashore to

his shop from a junk. Mr. C. H. Lyson, who appeared for the defence, entered a plea of guilty crisso by Thomas Oliver White and applied for a light penalty, pleadWATER POLO.

Overture at 9.15 prompt.

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R.H.K.Y.C. vs WILTS.

At 5.45 p.m. to-day at the club house the R.H.K.Y.C. water polo team will play a team drawn from the Wilts Regiment. The following will represent the Royals: -Emerson, Berg. Finch, Carpenter, Huxley, Logan, Eliams. Reserves McCann and Bingham.

The Magistrate said that the Or dinance gave him no option but to impose imprisonment as well as a fine. He would therefore fine the defendant \$500 and sentence him to one month's imprisonment.